

Y4 Newsletter - Autumn 2



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Y4

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely half term holiday after a busy Autumn 1.

This half term our project will be based around our fantastic Christmas production, 'Straw and Order'.

In a courtroom in the middle of Bethlehem, the cows feel pushed out of their stable and they want it back! Fed up with animals arguing, Judge Grumps is far from happy. Seeing this, the narrator offers to take them out of the courtroom to witness the night's events at first hand. In the play we will encounter bickering innkeepers, self-important wise men and even some dancing sheep!

Over the course of the project, we will take part in drama workshops, create our own programmes (with help from a professional graphic designer) and help to create the scenery and costumes for the production. We also want the children to play an active role in writing a section of the play - using their skills as newspaper reporters.

Our Christmas production for parents/carers will take place on Thursday 13 December at 6.30pm.

We would like to encourage parents and carers to play a very active role in the preparation for our production. If you think you can help in any way; making costumes, painting scenery, drama workshops, baking and selling refreshments, etc. Please let Miss Wood or Mr Cain know.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please see Miss Wood or Mr Cain. For short enquiries, class teachers can be found in the playground at both the start and end of the day. Longer meetings can be organised in advance, by making an after school appointment. We are looking forward to working with you and your children.

Kind regards

Miss Wood (Y4HW) and Mr Cain (Y4TC), with teaching assistants Miss Gianneka (Y4HW) and Mrs Clark (Y4TC).

Nurturing a caring community, in which every child learns well.



This term we will become true actors and performers. We will learn about the different stages a production goes through before it is performed in front of an audience. We will develop our stage design skills and think carefully about how dance and movement can tell the story of a piece of music. When we have created our own programmes an experienced graphic designer is going to give us feedback, so that we can improve them so that they are persuasive and informative. At the end of the half term we will invite parents and pupils to enjoy the production- 'Straw and Order'.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Literacy	Writing a newspaper report about a local event	Writing a newspaper report	Writing a newspaper report	Writing a play script	Producing a programme	Producing a programme	Retelling a story
Numeracy	Multiply and divide by 1, 0 and 10	Multiply 3 numbers and use factor pairs	Identify the factors of a number and count in multiples of a number	Multiply two-digit and three digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout	Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares	Read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C)	Christmas maths problem solving using all four operations
Project Work	Science- compare and group materials RE- story of Moses	Science- recognise materials' states of matter RE- story of Moses PHSE- anti-bullying week	Science- observe how materials change state Production- introduction to play and characters RE- Passover (Pesach)	Science- understand evaporation and condensation RE- stories of Jesus' life	Music- plan solo and ensemble performances RE- stories of Jesus' life	Production- prepare costumes, scenery and dances Music- plan solo and ensemble performances Cooking- baking biscuits	Evaluation of cooking and performances Christmas activities
Key Dates		Difference and Disability Workshop – Mon 12 November	Parents' Meetings- Thurs 22 November		Acting Workshop with Ms Deans – date tbc	Performance – Thurs 13 December – 6.30pm	