

Literacy

As we start the Autumn term, we will expand our instructional skills by creating a recipe for the perfect friendship. We shall reinforce the features of a good sentence and how to extend a main clause with conjunctions and fronted adverbials.

Later in the half-term, we will develop our more precise use of adverbial and prepositional phrases to direct actors as we write play scripts based upon William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Weekly spelling tests will continue to consolidate learning of common words and spelling patterns that are taught in conjunction with handwriting as we develop a fluent and consistent joined script.

Mantle of the Expert Geography / History / Art

Our extended British History topic in Y4 is 'Just *how* great was Alfred the Great?' – an exploration of how England and Scotland emerged during the Dark Ages. During the Autumn term, we will focus in on the early struggles between the native Britons and the Anglo-Saxon invaders.

We also begin an on-going Ancient History topic: Ancient Greece. This term, we explore the mythology surrounding Greek gods.

Over the course of the year, we'll become experts in rivers and bodies of water. This half-term, we'll look specifically at identifying Sheffield's rivers using maps.

Physical / Social / RE

In PE, we will begin our weekly swimming lessons, which will continue until the end of January. Tying into our History topic, we'll also be building hand-eye co-ordination skills through Archery.

Our RE topic this half-term is 'Hinduism'.



Half Term Preview Charlies Year 4

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Dates for your diary

Beth Dobbin visits school
Friday 21st September 2018

Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 16th October & Thursday 18th October 2018.

Y4 Theatre Trip
Wednesday 17th October 2018

The last day of school before the half-term break will be Friday 27th October 2017.

Numeracy

During Numeracy lessons this half-term, we will reinforce place value and mathematical operations with work toward securing number facts, calculating and identifying relationships between numbers.

Our weekly *Big Maths...Beat That!* and mental maths sessions will consolidate number facts calculation strategies and help children to learn to work more quickly and accurately.

It is essential that children practise their **Learn Its** at home each week, as the level of maths we are building to will require that knowledge to be embedded.

Science

We aim to answer the question:
Which wild plants and animals thrive near Walkley?

How You Can Help

Our homework will be given out every Friday to be returned by the following Thursday. Please ensure your child completes any work set. You can find all our homework on our class page.



It is also important for all children to continue to read regularly at home. Children now have a **Reading Record**. We would like you to sign this to indicate what they have read each night.

We encourage children to try to read a range of more challenging texts including newspapers and internet based articles. Please reinforce the importance of discussing each book upon completion in order to improve your child's ability to enjoy and evaluate a story.

It is essential that children regularly practice their multiplication tables from 1-12 at home each week, as the level of maths we are building to will require that knowledge to be embedded.

PE takes place on Monday and Swimming on Wednesday afternoons.

All children are expected to bring appropriate kit to school on these days. For the safety of your child: Earrings and watches, etc must not be worn during PE. Long hair should be tied up.

If asthma inhalators are required, then children need to have one in school and the office should be aware of their medical needs.

School uniform will continue be a high priority for us next half-term. We appreciate your continued support with this.