



Autumn 2019 1st Half Term – Year 4

Team Adventure News

Hello and welcome back! We hope you've had an enjoyable and restful summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead. Firstly, we would like to welcome Miss Beard who starts her teaching career with us in Secret Garden Class. Secondly, we welcome Mr Butler and Miss Williams (who will be completing her teacher training at Hilltop) to Ocean class and lastly, Mrs Simpson moves across from Team Enchantment to join Miss Beard in Secret Garden. We are looking forward to welcoming you on **Tuesday 17th September** to our Curriculum Evening at **7.00pm**. The teaching team will be talking to you all about our expectations of Year 3 and 4 children including curriculum learning, the residential trip and Year 4's transition to Middle School.

The classes in Team Adventure are as follows:

Ocean (Year 4) – Mr Morgan, Mr Butler, Mrs Woodward and Miss Williams

Island (Year 3/4) – Miss Wilkie and Mrs Kinsman

Secret Garden (Year 3) – Miss Beard and Mrs Simpson

English

- ★ **Writing** - the children will be learning how to construct a first person **recount** using key features such as: First person pronouns, past tense verbs and emotive language. We will also spend time looking at **Fables** and **Stories with a moral**.
- ★ The **SPaG** skills they will be looking at will include: **adverbial phrases**, **prepositions** and **time conjunctions**
Eg: **After a while**, Jim began to get curious so he walked **through** the hole in the gate **at the bottom of the garden**.
- ★ **Reading**- the children will be focusing on comprehension skills. They will begin to make inferences and deductions based on what they have read.
- ★ **Spellings** – Your child will soon bring home their new 'Spelling Wall'. We hope that you will enjoy this new format.

Maths

- ★ **Place Value**- we will re-cap our knowledge of place value, extending their knowledge of higher and more complex numbers including decimals ensuring that they understand the value of each digit and are able to order and compare different numbers.
- ★ **Number**- we will be introducing Roman Numerals and looking at rounding numbers to varying degrees of accuracy. After that, we will be focusing on Addition and Subtraction techniques.



Experienceology

- The children are excited to be learning about the Ancient Romans this term. We have begun our by learning about what the Romans legacy is in Britain
- ★ In **Art** this term the children will learn about and create their own mosaic patterns.
 - ★ During **DT** we will be asking the children to design and make their own Roman Shield.
 - ★ In **History** and **Geography** children will continue to research both historical and geographical features of the Roman Empire and daily life in Ancient Rome.
 - ★ In **Science** we are going to look at Animals, Including Humans, specifically looking at what a healthy and balanced diet looks like, nutrition as well as the skeletal and muscles systems.

Team Adventure reminders for this half term

- ★ Welcome back to Mrs Toulorge who will be teaching French to Year 3 and 4 each week.
- ★ We have many charity mufti days that we are participating in this term. Please look out for dates and further details from the office. Our first charity mufti will be Jeans for Genes on Friday 20th September.
- ★ P.E. days are as follows:
 - Ocean** - Monday and Wednesday
 - Island** - Monday and Tuesday
- ★ Please ensure your child has their **full, labelled** PE kit for the term and that it stays in school. Children must have plain black trainers for PE and NOT plimsolls.