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15.1.19

Dear Parents/ Carers

Year 4  
Spring 1

We hope you had a relaxing Christmas and New Year! The children have settled well back in to school and are working hard on our new project, 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. We are sure we will have a productive, exciting and successful Spring term with lots of fun activities and learning opportunities!

#### Important Dates

**8.2.19** - Next Stubbington deposit of £30.00 is due. Please contact Sue Hattersley if there are any queries.  
**15.2.19** - Last day of Spring 1  
**18.2.19 - 22.2.19** - Half term  
**25.2.19** - First day of Spring 2.  
**5.4.19** - Third deposit due for Stubbington of £40.00  
**7.6.19** - Final deposit due for Stubbington of £48.00

#### Important Messages

- We are hoping to organise visitors from the local community to visit school and talk to the children about what they do to help our community.
- Children are forgetting to bring in their P.E. kits so please ensure they have them for Tuesdays and Thursdays (Squids) and Tuesdays and Fridays (Penguins).
- Also, children need to bring in medical tape or plasters for their earrings if they cannot be removed during P.E. Long hair should be tied up on P.E. days, thank you.

**Please note, no peanut or nut based foods to be bought in to school at any time.**

#### The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane Topic!

Our focus this half term is the wonderful story of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo. Our writing and reading activities will all be inspired by this uplifting story and will culminate in the children writing their own chapter of the story where a new owner discovers Edward and takes him on an adventure!

#### Year Team

Teachers:  
Mrs Harris and Miss Parsons

HLTAs and TAs:  
Mrs Sargeson, Mrs Slevin, Mrs Davies and Mrs Lush

**This table shows what your children will be learning in each of the curriculum subjects this half term:**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>What the children will be learning</b>
English	Our writing will be based on The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane and we will be writing a variety of text types and using skills to build up to a narrative.
Maths	In Maths, Year 4 will be exploring area and perimeter. We will then progress on to fractions and using a wide range of skills,
Science	In Science, the children will be learning about Electricity and how it is used, and where it comes from. We will also explore health and safety, and how to use and store electric items safely.
Geography	The children will be exploring the local area, maps, developments in land use and we will go on a short walk around the area, looking at Baffins, the pond and the surrounding area.
Computing	Computing is coding using the programme, Scratch.
French	The children will be learning key words to do with pets and animals.
RE	In RE, Year 4 will be finding out about myths and stories within the Bible.
Art and DT	In Art and DT, we will create artwork inspired by The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane in the form of detailed sketches of Edward Tulane.
PE	This Year in PE, we will be practising our hand and eye co-ordination, throwing and catching skills and building up to playing games of tennis based on these skills.
Music	Year 4 will be singing songs from around the world.

**Year 4 PE Days**

**Tuesday and Thursday - Squid class**

**Tuesday and Friday - Penguin class**

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school on these days. We recommend that the PE kit is left at school and taken home each half term to be washed.

**Year 4 Library Day**

**Tuesday**

Please ensure that your child's library book is in school this day. If your child has reading books at home, they must be brought in to be returned on this day. We recommend that the children bring their book to school each day and take it home every evening.

**Homework**

Homework will be given to children on a Wednesday and needs to be returned as soon as it is completed but no later than by the following Tuesday to enable us to mark it and return it the following day.

Spellings will be issued and tested on a weekly basis.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 4 Team

