



Shakespeare Class Newsletter- January 2018

Happy New Year!!

The children have come back after Christmas raring to go, and we are looking forward to another term of fun and exciting learning.

Our **topic** this term is "Out of Africa". In this we are looking at evolution and inheritance. We shall be exploring ideas about how life began; the evidence for these views; discovering dinosaurs and learning about DNA as the code for life. With this topic, we are planning to visit the Yorkshire Museum to do their workshops on Dinosaurs and Charles Darwin.

In **English** we are continuing reading our class novel "The Legend of Podkin One-Ear." We are also looking at a short film called "The Piano" and will be writing biographies and reports around our topic.

Your child should have brought home a **reading book and reading journal**. Please ensure your child reads the book and records it in the journal which you should sign.

For **spellings**, we are learning the rules of spelling as well as learning the statutory words from either the Year 3/4 or Year 5/6 word list. Please persuade your child to spend 10 minutes each night learning these tricky words. (A spelling strategies word mat should have come home with your child last week.)

In **R/E** we shall be looking at the Trinity.

In **Computing** we are continuing to learn about new technology and we have created a new class blog.

In **P/E**, as well as games we are inventing our own dances around our topic of Evolution with the help of York Dance School. P/E is on Mondays and Thursdays until half term, then Monday and Wednesdays until Easter.

Other activities this half term include the Year 5's attending their York Diocesan Day at the Minster. Inspiring Minds are also coming in from the University to do a Chinese Workshop and a States of Matter workshop with us this term, so we are very fortunate.



Homework

Is given out on a Monday, and this term we are focusing on basic skills (saving the "Takeaway" menu for next term.)

Parents - Please sign the planner each week after your child has recorded the homework. Please speak to me if you have any questions, concerns or queries about anything!!

*Miss Connolly, Mrs O'Kelly
& Mrs Blows*