



Shakespeare Class

Newsletter- January 2017

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Firstly, I hope you all had a relaxing and peaceful Christmas and New Year (it seems so long ago!)

We have a very busy and exciting term ahead of us.

In our **topic** this term we will be starting a new topic of "Myths & Legends" where we will be finding out about myths and legends from different cultures as well as our own. There will be lots of art, as well as literacy, history and music.

In **English** we have started our class book, Stormbreaker – and so we are entering the world of espionage! As part of this, children will be given certain chapters to read at home before the lesson – your help in this would be appreciated.

In **Science**, we will be continuing learning about materials, and investigating forces.

In **P.E.** we shall be playing ball games and in particular football skills.

In **R.E** we shall be asking big questions and thinking about what we can learn from religions about right and wrong.

In **Computing** we are learning how to become expert coders using "Scratch."

We also have a **special topic** this term, as the York Children's University are coming in to help us learn all about the history of mail and the postal service. As part of this, we are looking forward to visiting the Royal Mail Sorting Office in Stourton, Leeds at the beginning of March.



P/E will be on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure P/E kits are in school on these days.

Homework

Is given out on a Friday, and is usually a piece of English or Maths or a topic for their Learning Logs. As well as this, all children need to be doing the following:

- Learning their weekly spellings
- Practicing times tables
- Reading for at least 30 minutes

Parents - Please, Please remember to complete the homework diary to say what homework your child has completed and return it to school on Friday. If done, your child receives an incentive.

A note about trips...

We had an amazing trip to the NRM last week, and the staff made the whole day extremely child friendly and informative. Unfortunately the behaviour of a small number of children in the class was below the standard which the school expects from pupils– namely incidents of being rude and impolite, not listening or following instructions first time. As well as letting the school down, this type of behaviour poses a risk to children, staff and members of the public. As such, the school reserves the right to limit trips to children who can be trusted to follow school rules and show respect and politeness at all times.