




Do you believe? (Fantastical, mythical creatures)

Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:	
	Our topic this half term focusses on the fantastical and mythical creatures of different countries and cultures throughout history. The children will explore and compare creature folklore from around the world.	Parents' Evening – Tuesday 26 th November 4-7:30pm Wednesday 27 th November 3:30pm – 5:30pm Christmas Concerts - Tues 10 th & Thurs 12 th Dec 7:00pm Wednesday 11 th Dec 2:15pm Christmas Party - Wednesday 18 th December Puppet Exhibition - Thursday 19 th December 3:20-4:00pm	
Homework		Learning Log	
Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target (starting on Friday 8th November). We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their maths and spelling targets.		A Learning Log activity will be sent home for your child to complete over the half term. The Autumn Two half term learning log will be sent home on Friday 8 th November and should be returned to school by Wednesday 11 th December. Children will be encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our exciting theme.	
PE Days			
Our outdoor PE session will continue to be on Tuesday (hockey) and indoor P.E. on Wednesday (yoga). We request that children attend school in their PE kit on those days to maximise our learning time (school colours, warm clothes for outdoor & no football shirts please).			
Curriculum			
English		Maths	
Our class text for this half term is <i>The Spiderwick Chronicles</i> , a fantasy story which links beautifully to our topic. The children will analyse the structure, vocabulary and grammar that are key to fantasy texts. We will explore characters, settings and plots and then write the opening chapter for a sequel book.		In maths, we will be exploring measurement. We will measure lengths and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear shape (including squares) in centimetres and metres. Children will also convert between different units of measure (for example, kilometre to metre). Later in the half term, we will be working on multiplication and division skills using mental and written methods. This will involve counting in multiples of 6, 7 & 9 and becoming fluent in the multiplication and division facts for the 7 and 9 times tables.	
Science			
To complete our 'From Chew to Poo' science unit we will be exploring the structure of teeth and how human and animal teeth are similar and different. We will then move on to investigating the states of matter. We will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases, observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius.			
Humanities		Art/DT	
We will be exploring folklore and images of magical creatures throughout the world, from different times in history. Children will have the opportunity to explore and appreciate cultural influences and describe the social, ethnic, cultural or religious diversity of past societies.		Linking to our fantastical creature theme, we will be designing and making puppets. The children will learn about the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in the process of designing and making. In line with our eco-school ethos they will be using recycled materials to create their puppets.	
Computing			
We will be linking our computing sessions to maths by using computer code to create a game that tests our times table knowledge. We will also be exploring PEGI ratings, why they are used and what it means be a responsible digital citizen when gaming.			
Other:		Year Four Team	
The children will continue with ukulele lessons on alternate Friday afternoons. In RE the children will explore festivals and special days. They will discuss and explain some of the religious practices of both clerics and individuals. In PHSE the children will explore health and wellbeing, growing and changing and what it means to lead a healthy lifestyles.		Miss Jacklin – Class Teacher (4J) Mrs Weldon – Class Teacher (4W) Miss Nicol – Teaching Assistant (4W) Miss Brett, Mrs Morgan & Mrs Wilson - HLTAs Mrs Mowbray – Teaching Assistant Mrs Thakker – French Teacher Miss Mowbray – PGCE Student Teacher	