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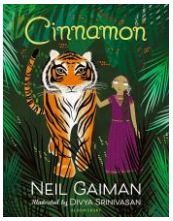
Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely summer. We have an exciting half-term ahead full of learning and some of the key details are outlined below.

Literacy



Our learning journey begins using the fabulous Neil Gaiman's 'Cinnamon' as our stimulus for writing. Children will use this text as inspiration for writing their very own sequel where we will focus on using correctly punctuated direct speech.



Our class reading book will be 'Skeleton Keys: The Unimaginary Friend' by Guy Bass – our Monday and Friday lessons will focus on this text. In our other reading lessons throughout the week, we will read a variety of different text types and focus on VIPERS (vocabulary, inference, prediction, retrieval, explanation and summarise) skills.

As there will be opportunity for free choice reading, please ensure your child has their own reading book in school.

Mathematics



We will start off by looking at place value, including comparing and ordering numbers, making number patterns, and rounding numbers. Once we have mastered this, we will move on to addition and subtraction. Understanding and quick recall of fluency facts and times tables will really support your child's maths learning throughout Year 4 so please support them with this.

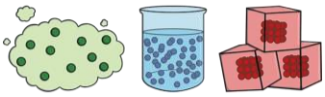
History



In History, we will be finding out about who the Ancient Egyptians were, how they lived, what rituals they had and what life was like in Ancient Egypt.

Science

This half-term, we will be investigating states of matter by comparing and grouping solids, liquids, and gases. This leads us on to learning about evaporation and condensation. Our learning will be given a real- life context when we learn all about the water cycle.



Art

In art, we will explore the form of printmaking by learning how the technique of printing has developed. At the end of our module, the children will also design and create their own printed plate and put into practice the various historical techniques they have learned about.

RE

Our focus in RE is Christianity. We will learn about the Trinity and why it is important for Christians, look at the Gospel and the stories it contains and think about the different ways in which Christians worship.



PSHE

Our first jigsaw module is entitled 'Being Me in My World'. In these lessons, we will focus on working together as a team, understating everyone's right to learn, rewards and consequences and the benefits of our school community.

Computing

During the first term we will focus on computing systems and will be exploring how the internet works. The children will be using both the laptops and iPads to support this unit of learning.

PE

This half-term, we have PE on **Monday** and on **Tuesdays** with Mrs Boyle. Please ensure children have the correct school PE kit, including a jumper for lessons outside.

Music

Mrs Le Brun will continue to inspire us with her weekly music lessons on Fridays. This term we will also be having additional Violin sessions as a class on Fridays.

Homework

Year 4 will be given homework starting from Wednesday 23rd September. This will be handed out every Wednesday and should be returned on, or before, the following Wednesday. If your child loses their homework, it is their responsibility to get another copy (there will be spare copies on our 'Class Info' board in the classroom). We will also have a weekly times table test so working on times table will be part of their weekly homework (your child will know which times table they are working on).

If you have any questions, please email or speak to me at the school gate.

Kind regards,

Mr Dewar

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