

Dear students, parents and carers,

Welcome back to Johanna after the holiday period. I hope everyone and their families had a lovely break. As we approach the half-way point of the year, we'll be building on our learning from before Christmas as we tackle this term's theme of Heritage and Values.

As ever, please feel free to ask any questions you may have about the learning, school life or how we can help!

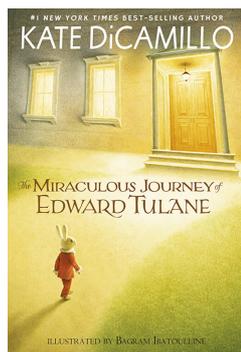
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English

Our focus for this term is *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*.

As we read the book, we will start to craft our own stories and narratives, empathising with the main character of the book who finds themselves lost and meets new people. This will help us write our own narratives around this theme, before we create our own diary entries, putting ourselves in the shoes of Edward.



Theme

The theme for Year 4 this term is "Heritage and Values."

This theme will be explored across the whole curriculum, encouraging the children to learn about the diversity within our school and the wider community, which builds on last term's theme of Citizenship and the World, and the first term's Who Am I and Who Am I Becoming.

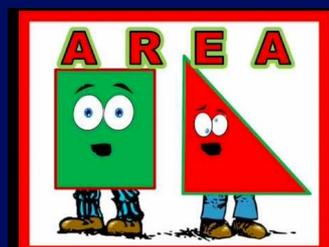
Personal Development

In personal development this term, we will be tying in our learning of British Values (such as respect and the rule of law) and ensuring that we can keep ourselves safe in our environments, whether that be making safe choices in our local area, or understanding how to deal with setbacks whenever they arise.

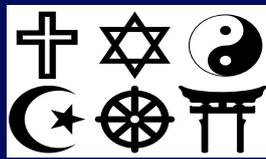


Maths

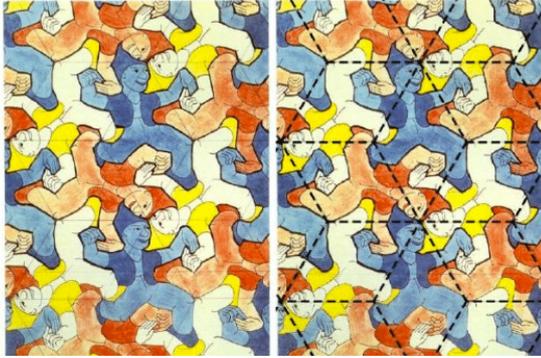
This term, we'll be developing our mathematical skills in multiplication and division, refreshing our knowledge from Year 3 and last term and learning new strategies. Our focus then moves to area, complementing our length and perimeter work from a few weeks ago. Our final couple of weeks will deal with fractions.



R.E.



Our R.E. focus this term continues to be Hinduism. As we've now looked at Gods and deities, and explored some belief systems such as the Caste System, this term we take a closer look at the Holy Scriptures and books, and think about why they are important to religions around the world.



History

History this term will be all about the Romans. Beginning with a broad look at the history of the empire and its origins, we progress by focussing on the time of Julius Caesar and his importance to history. We then bring the empire to Britain, looking at the invasion of Britannia and consider how its legacy still impacts us today.



Dates for Spring 1

| Week 1 | |
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| Wed 4th Jan | First day of term |
| Week 2 | |
| Fri 13th Jan | School Trip (Natural History Museum) |
| Week 3 | |
| Week 4 | |
| Week 5 | |
| Week 6 | |
| Thurs 9th Feb | Class Assembly (9:05am) |
| Fri 10th Feb | Final day of term |
| School reopens Monday 20th February 2023 | |

P.E.



This term's Physical Education will be fitness and healthy lifestyles, along with swimming and invasion games. This term will be our last of swimming, and its been great to see the progress they've made! P.E. will continue to be on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Art and Design

This term we look at tessellation and mosaic types of art. Children will develop their artistic precision and accuracy, recognising the importance of this for creating these types of art. We will look at a few examples of artists famous in these fields (starting with M.C. Escher) and where they fit on a timeline of artistic styles.

Homework

A new Homework Grid will go out to our Year 4 students shortly. Ensure that the last grid has been finished! Well done to everyone - keep up the good work and make sure you are completing at least one a week. This can be done alongside their regular SumDog and Times Table Rockstars home learning.

Every day, children should:

- Read their reading book for at least 10 minutes a day
- Practice spellings on Spelling Shed (spellings have also been stuck into the back on their reading records)
- Complete a minimum of one piece of homework per week.
- Practice their times tables on Times Tables RockStars