

Year 4 Autumn 2 Topic Letter

“Why might someone’s most important journey be one we can’t see?”

Welcome back to Autumn 2!

This half term, we will be focusing on the book **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo. It tells the story of Edward, a beautiful but vain china rabbit who belongs to a little girl named Abilene. Though deeply loved, Edward cares only about himself. One day, he is accidentally lost at sea, beginning a long and transformative journey.

Along the way, Edward passes through the hands of many different people – a fisherman and his wife, a homeless man and his dog, a sick child, and others. Through these experiences, he learns about love, loss, compassion, and what it truly means to care for others.

By the end of his journey, Edward has changed completely: he understands the importance of love and connection, even after heartbreak. This will lead very nicely into our essential question: “Why might someone’s most important journey be one we can’t see?”

For our whole-class guided read, we will continue with the book *Wonder*, as the children really seemed to enjoy it!

Homework

After a week off for half-term, we will provide new spellings each week for children to practise at home. Please continue to encourage children to read daily, along with practising their times tables. A big well done to the children who have been changing their reading books independently as and when required!

Dates for your diaries:

- Friday 7th November - Dress Down Day (bring a red or green item)
- Wednesday 12th November - Y2/3/4 Girls Football Tournament
- Friday 21st November - Dress Down Day (bring a Christmas chocolate)
- Tuesday 25th November - Y4/5/6 Badminton
- Friday 28th November - Dress Down Day (bring a bottle)
- Monday 1st December - Year 4 Christmas Performances
- Thursday 4th December - Christmas Fair
- Year 4 trip and visitor TBC
- Tuesday 16th December - Year 4 Stay and Learn 14:15-15:30
- Thursday 18th December - KS2 Breakfast with Santa
- Friday 19th December - Last Day of Term

PE

Year 4 children will continue to have swimming sessions first thing on a Monday and PE sessions on a Thursday. If your child is unable to participate, please provide a written letter, as emails may not reach us in time. As a bonus, we will continue to have Sports Leaders first thing on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure that children come to school in weather-appropriate sports clothes, as these sessions will be held outside, and bring their school uniform to change back into afterwards.

General information

Following the announcement during assembly last half-term, as we are heading deeper into the colder/wetter months, any child who wishes to go on the field must have spare shoes on.

Please can we remind children that toys and fidgets should not be brought into school for playtimes or Golden Time. There is a ‘Bring Your Own Toy’ coupon that children can choose from the treasure chest as a reward if they would like to bring one into school.

Thank you for your cooperation. We really appreciate it

Kind regards,

Miss Ross and Mrs Moffitt 😊

Maths

Place Value.
Addition and Subtraction.
Measurement - Area.

RE

Exploration different celebrations.

PSHE

Health and Wellbeing.

Music

Exploring Christmas songs 🎄

History

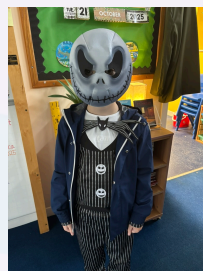
Comparing different aspects of the past to the present (inspired by our topic book).



A look back into Autumn 1...



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Hop Tu Naa festivities!

Hockey Festival at QE2

