



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Our topic next term is going to be A Midsummer Night's Dream, culminating in our Year 3 and Year 4 production at the end of the term. We have arranged for The Young Shakespeare Company to come into school on Thursday 9th March during the afternoon to perform an interactive production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The children will be actively involved in the performance, becoming characters and taking part, which will enable them to really understand the plot and Shakespearean language. This is an amazing experience; the Young Shakespeare Company have a fantastic reputation and perform across the country. We are very lucky to get this slot; we are their last booking for 2017 and 2018 is already nearly full! It should hopefully provide lots of inspiration for our own performance at the end of the term.

The cost of this experience will be a voluntary contribution of £5.80 per child which you can pay for on Parent Pay. We are also putting both classes' Eat 4 Treats money towards the cost, as we feel this will be such a worthwhile and exciting experience.

Midsummer Night's Dream Topic Overview Year 4

Classroom Environment	Midsummer Night's Dream display	Educational Visits	Not in this topic
Wow Factor Launch	Theatre company performance of Midsummer Night's Dream	Key Texts	A Midsummer Night's Dream (various children's versions) Tales from Shakespeare by Marcia Williams
Outcomes /Open Day Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Performance ✓ Display work for performance nights 	Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekly reading task - Spelling/ grammar fortnightly task - Maths challenge fortnightly
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Writing to inform: ✓ Biography ✓ Writing to entertain: ✓ Play scripts ✓ Poetry ✓ Character and setting 	RE	✓ Christianity



	descriptions ✓ Drama		
Maths	✓ Multiplication and division ✓ Fractions	Art / DT	✓ Set designing
Science	✓ Rocks ✓ Sound and light	Music	Singing
Computing	✓ Performance publicity (adverts, posters and recordings)	PE	✓ Dance ✓ Touch Rugby
		Forest School	✓ N/A
History	✓ Life and history of Shakespeare	French	✓ Food
Geography	✓ Not in this topic	PSHE + SMSC	✓ It's good to be me

We will be swimming for the last time on Tuesday 21st February. The children will need to bring a pair of pyjamas for this. They may bring a loose pair of joggers and T-shirt if pyjamas are tricky but no onesies please! We will also be having dance lessons on Thursday afternoons and Rugby will be on Tuesday afternoons.

We're looking forward to an exciting new term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chandler