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The Federation of George Betts and Shireland Hall Primary Academies

Tuesday 7th January 2020

This Half Term's Learning – Year 4 (Spring One)

Dear Families,

This half term, your child will be learning about:

English	This half term we will be exploring the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom.' From this book children will be looking at writing character descriptions with fantastic vocabulary used to enhance their learning.
Maths	This half term our Maths focuses will be looking at addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers. Additionally, children will be moving onto looking at a variety of different fractions with the same denominator.
Science	Our topic this term for Science is looking at different animal's characteristics and their habitats. After this, we will focus on classifying the animals into separate groups and giving reasons why they fall into the given category.
Learning for Life	Our topic this term is 'European Explorers' and we will be looking at this as historians. We will be looking at the possibility of colonising Australia from Captain Cook's perspective. We will analyse the positives and negatives of exploring Australia and write a persuasive letter to Captain Cook recapping if it's a good idea or not.
PE	The focus for next term in PE will be invasion games, particularly looking at hockey. Children will need to learn how to hold the stick correctly, the rules of the game and how to work together as a team to win matches.
RE	In RE this term we will be looking at what matters most to Christians and Humanists. We will discuss how and why people should be good and debate important questions on morals.

Dates for your Diary

PE Days: Tuesday and Wednesday (Lions)
Wednesday and Thursday (Dolphins)

Swimming days: Dolphins will commence swimming on **Tuesday** 14th January and Lions will commence swimming on **Friday** 17th January

Whole School Panto: Monday 20th January

FLiP: Wednesday 29th January

Art Day: Friday 7th February

If you have any questions, please come and see us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hughes, Mrs Kauser, Mr Watson, Mrs Hickman





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