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Dear Parents,

Darwin Class Curriculum Enhancements 2019/2020

Autumn Visit

The Imperial War Museum North - Tuesday 26th November 2019

The first visit we have planned for class 5 is to The Imperial War Museum North in Manchester where we will take part in a 'Ministry of Memory' workshop. We have organised this visit for as it links to our World War 2 history topic.

This immersive and interactive experience investigates Remembrance and personal stories from the First World War to today. Designed for Key Stage 2, agents from the Ministry of Memory enlist the help of students to save IWM North from the Memory Scramblers - a group of monsters who are out to erase the personal stories in the collection.

Guided by audio headsets and performance challenges, students are tasked with rediscovering Remembrance and uncovering past and present remembrance rituals.

We will also have time to visit some of the museum's many exhibits by following a self-guided tour.

This visit will consolidate our learning about life during World War 2. We would kindly like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £18.00 per child for this visit. This covers coach Travel at £ 14.20 and the workshop at £4.00. We will add this onto Schoolcomms and send out further details nearer the time.

Spring Visit

Residential visit to Marrick Priory - 16-20 March 2020

During the Spring term the children from years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit at Marrick Priory Outdoor Educational Centre. The children stay for two nights and take part in a number of activities including archery, abseiling, climbing, personal challenges and team-building.

This visit is always very popular and provides the children with some great skills as they approach the end of their time at primary school. All activities are led by qualified instructors with Bradley staff on hand to assist.

Spring Visit

Crucial Crew - April 2020

Next April our year 6 children will be attending 'Crucial Crew - Craven Young Citizen Day' at Eshton Grange, Gargrave. This event is organised annually by North Yorkshire Police and involves children taking part in a variety of activities and scenarios (staffed by volunteers) from a range of local organisations. It encompasses a range of issues that are of relevance to the children and is intended to promote a healthy and safe lifestyle, and responsible citizenship. This event is attended by most of the local primary schools and helps to ensure the transition between primary and secondary school is as smooth as possible. Further details regarding this visit will be sent out nearer the time. We anticipate the cost to be around £7.50 based on the 2018 prices.

Summer Term

Art Day - TBC

At the beginning of the Summer term we are hoping to invite an artist into school to spend a day helping us to create artwork with a carnival theme to fit our Geography topic on South America. There will be more information later in the school year regarding prices.

Summer Term

Local Walk and Picnic - Thursday 20th July 2020

In July we will be going on a Local Country Walk, this will enable the children to appreciate our local area and enjoy the pleasure of walking itself! We will then have a picnic and games on the village playing fields. Please could you send your child with a picnic lunch in a rucksack which they can carry themselves. Children should wear shoes suitable for walking in what may be muddy ground. They will also need a waterproof coat or sun cream if the weather is nice. They can wear tracksuits/legging or shorts of their choice but will need to wear their school sweatshirt. We will be leaving school at 10.30am and returning in time for school pick up at 3.30pm. This visit is free of charge.

Voluntary Contributions

We would like to say thank you for your continued support with paying your child's voluntary contributions for their school visits. This enables us to continue to organise fabulous and enriching visits in and out of school. We take great time and care to ensure school visits in and out of school are good value and have clear learning objectives which link to our class curriculum.

I hope you have found this letter regarding your child's visits this year informative.

With kind regards

Jane Hall

Darwin Class Teacher