Year 4W - Autumn Half Term (September to October 2018)

Do you believe in magic?

**English**During English lessons we have been looking at the book ‘The Spiderwick Chronicles’ by Tony Diterlizzi. Using our inference skills, we looked at how characters feel based on their actions and used evidence from the text using PEE (Point, Evidence and Explanation).  
As part of our writing, we became authors! We designed a new magical setting based on our fantasy genre and created our own characters. We were able to apply our new knowledge of punctuating speech and expanding nouns using ambitious vocabulary and synonyms.

Come and have a read our stories that we have thoroughly enjoyed writing.  
  
**Maths**

In Maths we have been learning about place value with numbers up to 4 digits. We have worked hard developing our growth mind-set to be able to work out our problem solving and reasoning. We are becoming much more resilient and confident to give things a go! We have begun to look at one of the four operations: addition. We are using lots of apparatus to prove and reason. Have a go at one of our Greater Depth Problems!  
Write >, = or < in each of the circles to make the number sentence correct.   
  
1023 + 24 + 24 ? 1023 + 48   
1232 - 232 ? 1355 - 252   
1237 - 68 + 32 ? 1242 - 69 + 31

**Science and Design and Technology.**

In Science we have been investigating exciting electricity! We were asked to provide the commentary for a video clip about electricity for Lynnfield TV to explain how electricity can be generated. Using our knowledge we learnt how to draw and create circuits and carried out an investigation as to what materials are conductors or insulators.   
  
Due to the Boggart making quite the mess in our classroom, we have decided to create our very own Boggart traps using electrical components! We have been given a bulb, battery, a buzzer and wires. Together as a group we will plan, design and evaluate our product. School Council and Mrs. Sharpe will judge our designs. Look out on our newsletter to see who won!

**French**

Bonjour!   
We have really enjoyed our French lessons this year. Every morning we respond to the register in French and express how we are feeling.  
We are becoming more confident in using adjectives to describe our physical appearance. We are able to hold a conversation in French and ask questions to one another.  
We are now focussing on using alternative pronouns such as il/elle to be able to describe members of our family.  
Salut!

**SMSC**

In SMSC as part of the British Values, we have held our own School Council election. Children prepared a speech and voted for the Chair person and vice chairperson of Y4W. We are delighted that Zi Na and Andrew represent our pupil voice. To recognise right and wrong and understanding the law of society, Year 4 decided to create their own law. We discussed how our actions cam impact on ourselves and others. Therefore, as part of a shared discussion we decided on three main laws  
 of Y4W that we will work together to abide.

**Art and Design**We have been working with Mrs Flounders within Art and Design. We have looked at line, texture, tone, shapes and colours to produce a piece of Artwork. We took inspiration from the Great artist: Picasso to create an abstract portrait! As part of our magic topic, we decided to base our portrait on Harry Potter. We chose colours specifically to reflect our mood.