***Welcome Fig Class of 2023-2024***

*Our theme this term is ‘Outlaw’ where we will become historians on our journey to explore the exciting development of democracy during the reign of King John in c.1200AD. We will go on an adventure deep into the heart of Sherwood Forest and experience the life and times of Robin Hood, as told by Maid Marion, as we learn the essential skills of archery and den building!*

*After half term, we will introduce our class book ‘A Christmas Carol’ to further explore the themes of Victorian Life which is our focus in history. We will journey back in time with a visit to Perlethorpe and become Victorian schoolchildren. We will explore their lives and times to gain a greater understanding of this remarkable period in British history. In class, we will learn about the amazing inventions and inventors of the Industrial Revolution where Great Britain was the workshop of the world!*

*In* ***Maths****, we will be using a range of fluency and reasoning tasks with the aim of achieving mastery in Place Value and Number. We will be learning to understand and recognise the value of every numerical digit, to find more or less than a given number, to compare numbers and solve practical problems. We will also cover rounding, interpreting negative numbers and Roman Numerals as well as securing addition and subtraction using column method consistently and accurately.*

***Times Table Rock Stars****…We will continue to develop fluency in all times tables with a daily in-class session of TTRS as we work our way through the many rock stages to aim for Rock Hero…*

*In* ***English*** *we will be developing our knowledge and application of Speech, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) in accordance with the National Curriculum guidelines. Initially we will begin using the fascinating tale of ‘Outlaw****’*** *as we explore the themes as a springboard for our writing.*

***Spelling*** *will be based on ‘spelling families’ eg –augh, –cious as well as the statutory spellings for our year groups in class. We will be developing our understanding of vocabulary using definitions as it is important that we can use synonyms and realise the power of our language and semantics. The spellings will be published on* ***Spelling Shed*** *every Tuesday, so remember to keep practising them EVERY DAY!*

**Reading** is so important, and the school expectation is that you read at home every day. Try to read a wide range of books/newspaper articles/blogs/comics or even the TV Guide at home and nurture a love of reading for pleasure. Talk about and share what you are reading with an adult to make sure you understand the text.

**P.E.** will be on a Friday. We will need to come to school dressed in P.E. kit which can be worn all day at school.

**Christian Value – Friendship**

Fig’s class question this term is, ‘How does friendship impact relationships?’ Think about your friendships and how you would like this aspect of school life to develop this year.

***Challenge – Discuss how you might survive in a forest…***

*What would it be like to live in the different seasons?*

*Where would you build a shelter?*

*How important is friendship to you?*