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Dear Parents,

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We are writing to introduce you to an exciting new venture that Class 4 across the Federation are going to be taking part in over the next year.

We are participating in 'Start' which is the Children and Arts flagship arts education programme. Their mission is to make cultural venues accessible to children through introducing them to the arts, inspiring them to learn more, enhancing their experiences through critical analysis and participation and providing opportunities to create their own art. Links with a local arts venue are also an integral part of the project. Our local arts venue is the South Holland centre in Spalding. As part of this programme children will have the opportunity to watch performances, participate in workshops, create their own works and creative responses as well as many more opportunities that will be offered.

We will be working towards all the children being awarded the Arts Award Discover. As we are new to the programme this is an introductory award that encourages the children to take part in different arts activities, find out about artists and their work, and share their discoveries with others using a range of mediums. Each child will record their progress in an arts log. All children will receive a certificate and we are hoping that this will form part of an exhibition highlighting the children's artistic journey, along with the other schools participating at the South Holland Centre in the Summer term next year.

This project, including transport costs is going to be heavily subsidised by the South Holland Centre which means many of the activities and visits will be free.

Our Arts journey is just beginning and we can already share news of the first two amazing opportunities. On Tuesday 3rd October both classes will be participating in workshops on the 'Tales of Birbal' run by Mashi Theatre. Tales of Birbal are all about treasured fables from the Indian sub-continent. This workshop will involve humour, puppetry and music

as these tales are brought to life. These workshops will take place at Lutton St Nicholas Primary School. So Gedney children will be taken across there in the morning. (Please see separate letter)

Then on Wednesday 11th October the classes will be visiting the South Holland Centre to see a performance of Tales of Birbal by Mashi Theatre. (Please see separate letter)

We are really looking forward to going through this journey with your children and creating and learning alongside them.

We will keep you updated as to their progress and of other events.
Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely,

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