

Class 4 Newsletter



Spring 2016

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break.

All of our **English** this term will be based around The Secret Garden. We will mostly be using a children's abridged version of the text. We will be looking at the story in detail, understanding the characters and the plot. We will then make comparisons between the text and the film version. Finally we will complete some non-fiction/ poetry work based on The Secret Garden. We will be looking at spelling, grammar and handwriting throughout our English work. The children will have a list of spellings to work on at home.

Our **Maths** this term we will review our place value understanding and further our skills in written addition and subtraction. We will be looking at mental methods for multiplication and division and the properties of shapes. Later in the term, we will revise written methods for multiplication and division. Finally, we will learn about fractions, decimals and percentages.

Our **Science** topics this term are states of matter, where we will learn about solids, liquids and gases. After half term we will be learning about sound. In February, we will have a visit from the science Explorer Dome.

In our **Computing** lesson we will be using our digital cameras and Windows Movie Maker to create our own stop-frame animations. Later in the term we will be looking at databases. We will also be using the laptops in other lessons developing skills in word processing and Internet research.

Our **Geography** topic is firstly, 'Where in the World?'. Initially, we will be looking at where places are in the UK, we will be thinking about places that are special to the children e.g. where family live. We will then look at countries in Europe and beyond. As the children did some world geography work last year, we will be adapting this unit as we go to ensure that the children increase their knowledge! After half term, we will be studying Chembakoli, a remote village in India. We will be thinking about how the human and physical geography of the village compares to Crowmarsh Gifford.

In our **RE** we will be looking at

Some of our **Art** work will link with Computing as we design and create scenery and characters for our animations.

Our **Design and Technology** topic after half term will be based around food. We will be looking at the seasonality of different foods as well as whether food is grown, caught, reared or processed. We will be designing and cooking a seasonal dish.

In **Music** we will be developing our recorder skills. If your child has their own recorder, please make sure that it is in school this term. Later in the term we will develop our skills in reading music.

Our **PE** lessons will take place on a Wednesday and Friday. The Wednesday lesson will be basketball and the session will be taken by a coach from Reading Rockets. Please make sure that children have indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week in case lessons are rearranged.

The children will continue be given **homework** on a Friday which will be due in the following Tuesday.

Please make sure that you listen to your child read at least 4 times a week and sign their homework diary. Reading is checked weekly (usually on a Tuesday) and house points are awarded for children who have read 4 times.

Our class blog is updated every Friday with information about what we have been learning. The homework task is always on the blog as well as other useful learning links.

If you have any queries or concerns, please make an appointment to see one or both of us.

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