

Class 4 Newsletter



Summer 2016

Welcome Back! We hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break. This year is flying by and we have some exciting things planned for the summer terms.

In **English** this term all of our work will be based around 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. We will be studying the book in detail, looking at the characters and the plot. We will be using the text as a base for our own narrative writing and we will be completing various non-fiction tasks including writing to persuade. Throughout our English work we will continue to build on our grammar knowledge. We will continue to teach spelling through a little-and-often approach in school. Please support your child with their spelling by looking at the word lists that have been sent home.

In **Maths** we will be working with 5-digit numbers and negative numbers. We will spend some time learning about and working with decimals and start to use decimal numbers in practical contexts e.g. money. We will be increasing our knowledge of shapes and angles, area and perimeter. Also we will be working on our multiplication and division and using this to help us with finding equivalent fractions and fractions of amounts. Any support you can give your child with their times tables at home will help them with this.

We will be completing our **Science** topic on sound for the first couple of weeks of this term and then moving onto our new topic, 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will discover the key features of living things, learn how they

are grouped, and look at suitable habitats. We will be working scientifically to gather, record and present information in different ways. In June we will be going to Hill End for the day - more details to follow.

In **History** we will be learning about The Romans. Initially, we will be looking at who the Romans were and why they invaded. We will be looking at different information sources to learn about Boudicca. Later we will look in detail at the Roman way of life, we will learn about Roman roads and Gods & Goddesses. There will be opportunities for the children to carry out their own research into the Romans. In May, we will be visiting the Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock where we will be able to learn even more about the topic!

In our **RE** sessions we will be exploring the children's understanding of the word miracle and learning about the miracles performed by Jesus, thinking about the effect they had on people and our own thoughts and beliefs around this. Our final RE topic will be based around prayer, focusing on the reasons why believers pray and what they believe the results are.

In **Music** we will initially continue with our recorder work, focusing on reading musical notation. Later in the term we will be creating our own musical compositions.

In **Art** we will be looking at landscapes and portraying them using a range of media, such as collage, paint, and ICT. During the second half term our **Design Technology** unit will be 'Money Containers'.

Our **PE** lessons will be on Tuesday (Basketball with Reading Rockets) and Friday afternoons but children should make sure they have their full kit in school all week.

In **Computing** we will firstly be returning to Scratch. We will be learning how to program our own maze games. Later in the term we will develop skills in videoing and film editing. We will also continue to use ICT across the curriculum.

We will be sending out a new style of homework at the end of Week 2. This will be 'takeaway' homework, where children can choose a challenge that they would like to complete. Most of the tasks should be completed over a week - so handed in by the following Friday. There are some challenges that will take longer. We will make sure that the children fully understand this homework! We will continue to check reading records every Tuesday. Please remember that 2 house points will be given to children who read to an adult 4 times a week and 4 house points will be given to those who read 7 times a week.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

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