

Class 4 Newsletter Spring 2019

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas, Mrs Roberts and I would like to thank everyone for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts.

Our English work for this term will be based on 'How to Live Forever' by Colin Thompson. This picture book has fascinating illustrations whilst the story carefully raises questions around immortality. Our work will include writing newspaper articles and stories as well as debating the issues raised. Grammar teaching will focus around adverbs and answering adverb questions. Later in the term we will read an abridged version of 'The Secret Garden.' We will be looking carefully at this classic story and our work will include a comparison of the opening of the book and the film. We will also be continuing to work on basic punctuation and key spellings. A list of these words is available on the website along with the Year 3/ 4 statutory words, please support your child at home to learn these spellings. Many of the children are keen to improve their handwriting which is great to see and they should be aware of their next steps.

In Maths this term we will be concentrating initially on multiplication and division. We will be learning how to multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100 and we will look at timestables before moving onto learning some more formal written methods to multiply or divide numbers. Following this we will be learning about fractions and decimals. Throughout the term, we will have daily maths fluency session where we will keep working on addition and subtraction skills as well as multiplication tables.

We have a new Geography topic to get started on this term. We will firstly be thinking about what it means to be a geographer and we will be continuing to develop our recall of continents, countries and capital cities around the world. We will then be learning about a village located somewhere in the world (to be identified as part of the topic!) We will be discussing the similarities and differences of this location to our local area. After half term we will be exploring the features of rivers and we will then apply our knowledge to develop an understanding of a particular world river.

Our Science topics this term are 'Sound' and then 'Electricity'. Science lessons this term will be taught either by Mrs Barton or myself.

Class 4 will continue to have PE and French or Art lessons on a Tuesday afternoon and PSHCE/ RE (Mrs Hyde) and PE on a Thursday afternoon.

Reading - Children are expected to regularly read to an adult at home. An adult must sign the child's reading record each time they read. Reading records will be checked weekly (usually on a Monday), it is the responsibility of the children to ensure that they have their reading record in school ready to be checked. I am still hoping to increase the number of books that are available in the classroom so we would be grateful of any books including picture books, non-fiction texts or children's magazines that you no longer want.

Times tables – Please continue to support your child to learn their times tables. All children should have log-in details for Timestable Rockstars.

Pencil cases – I have had several conversations with all of class 4 about pencil cases. All of the children are fully aware that there is absolutely no requirement to have a pencil case in school. If they do wish to bring one in, it should only contain items that are actually going to be needed. The children must maintain responsibility for their own belongings and the 'trading' of items is not allowed in school.

If you have any queries or concerns, please make an appointment to see me.

Mrs. Corrigan