



Be the BEST You Can Be

Class 4 Newsletter

Term 2

Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

Wow, what an amazing first term for class 4, the children have settled in really well. This term has been full of many different learning opportunities. The children were enthusiastic throughout our World War II topic, especially learning about rationing and evacuee children. I have been really impressed with their independence and growing confidence. Have a lovely half term!

What we are learning

Our topic this term is **Our Changing Nation**. In Geography we will be locating where Britain is on the world map, finding counties in the U.K and researching the human and physical characteristics of Britain.

In English, we will be learning about persuasive writing and fantasy settings.

In Maths, we will be following White Rose and will develop our understanding of area and later on, develop our knowledge of multiplication and division.

In Science, we will be learning about electricity. We will be investigating how electricity travels, how to construct circuits and looking into what materials are good insulators and conductors.

In RE, we will be learning about the Gospel and what it is like to follow God. We will be making links and showing how members of the clergy showed Jesus' teachings.

In French, we will be learning 'My family'

In Design Technology, we will be making shell structures. We will be investigating the nets of different types of boxed packaging and making prototype 3D packaging.

In Computing, we will be learning about the importance of online safety. We will learn how to protect ourselves online and identify the risks and benefits of installing software, including apps. We will also be writing for different purposes.

In Music, we will be learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel and reading musical notation.

In PSHE, we will be celebrating our differences. We will be learning about how to include others when working and playing, understanding how we can help someone when they are being bullied and how to use kind words.

Reading and Times Tables

In Year 4, there is an expectation that children are **reading 5 times a week**. In order to keep track of this, reading records will be looked at in school every week. Therefore, please ensure that reading records are signed and brought into school on a daily basis.

Listening to children read is carried out through Guided Reading sessions. However, we will endeavour to make sure that children are listened to individually as often as possible and as appropriate to each child's needs.

Children are expected to practise their **times tables each week** by using Times Tables Rockstars. This is to support and enable them to succeed in their maths learning. If you do not have access to TTRS then please encourage your child to chant them, sing them, or write them in their homework books.

Useful Information

PE: The day of PE will be on a Wednesday (Swimming) and a Thursday (football) so the children will need to wear their PE kit into school on these days to save changing. The PE kit should include a school burgundy t-shirt, black shorts/leggings, and daps for outdoor activities.

Homework: Children will have homework every week which can be found in their homework books. Please ensure that your child completes their **Maths/ English homework and one piece from their homework grid** as this helps consolidate and support their learning. Homework is to be handed in on a **Friday**.

Spellings:

Children will have spellings to learn each week which they will get every Friday to be tested the following Monday.

Important dates: Please see the school newsletter.

...and finally

I hope you all have a lovely half term and find joy in everything you do.

If you have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to contact me via ClassDojo or email.

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