



Class 4 Newsletter

Term 5

Be the BEST You Can Be

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

WELCOME!

Happy half term! The children have blown me away with their resilience, positivity and hard work this term. Have a lovely two weeks off! Next term the children are going to have an exciting, fun and exhilarating experience where themes are explored from looking at the Geographical features of India to looking at the cultures of Hinduism and creating Rangoli patterns in art. We look forward to sharing our persuasive writing with you and trying to persuade you to visit India.

What we are learning

Our topic this term is based around India. Children will explore the different mountain ranges to the physical features of cities in India.

In English, we will be trying to persuade people to visit India through persuasive writing. We will also be building on our grammar and punctuation knowledge.

In Maths, we will continue with our work on Decimals, then we will move on to money and time.

In Science our topic is living things and their habitats. We will be looking at groups of living organisms and identifying them within a food chain.

In RE, we are looking at 'What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?' Children will be looking at how Buddhist lead their daily life.

In Geography, we are looking at the country India. We will become detectives and locate India on a map and also look closely at the differences in human and physical features of India and the United Kingdom.

In PSHE, we will be looking at the topic 'Relationships' and identify emotions linked with different types of relationships.

In Music, we will be looking at musical notes and instruments.

In French, we will be continuing to practise our pronunciation of key words and phrases in French, relating to the unit of 'Where in the world.'

In Art, we are going to focus on Rangoli patterns. We will develop our technique of mixing paints.

In PE, we will be focussing on swimming and athletics developing our skills in running, jumping, throwing and catching.

In ICT, children will look at how animations are created and create their own animations.

Reading and Times Tables

Reading: we would like the children to read every day. Reading is the skill that allows children to access other areas of the curriculum, therefore it is really important that your child is encouraged to read at home. It is great if you are able to listen to your child read out loud. Please read for 10-15 minutes per day with an adult. Also, when reading with your child please ask them a few questions about the book, this enhances the skill of comprehending a text. Our whole class story this term is 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' By Philip Pullman.

Times Tables: Children should spend 20 minutes on Times Table Rock Stars

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Times table focus:

8x and 9x tables

Dates for this term

Swimming- Wednesday afternoon (please ensure your child has their swimming kit on a Wednesday) We do ask for a contribution towards swimming this is on Parent Pay.

Start of Term - 15th April 2024

End of Term- 24th May 2024

Bank holiday - Monday 6th May and Monday 27th May

Useful Information

PE

PE our regular PE day will be every Wednesday (swimming) and on a Monday afternoon. Please can you make sure that your child wears their PE kit in to school on this day to save changing. The PE kit should include a white/burgundy t-shirt, black shorts and daps/trainers for outdoor activities. The children may also wear a tracksuit for outdoor PE in the colder months but no hoodies please unless they are the school hoody which can be purchased on goodies.

Homework will be sent out weekly on a Friday and will be due in the following Friday morning.

Spellings will also be sent home each Friday and pupils are expected to practise them ready for a test on the Friday.

...and finally

As ever, if you have any worries or questions relating to your child and need a little more time, please do not hesitate to arrange a time to talk. It is important for us all that your children are happy at school, so please keep us informed of any concerns, no matter how small.

You can contact me via email: rdobson@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk or classdojo.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Dobson ☺