

Class 4 Newsletter



Spring 2018

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break.

For **English** in this first term we will be reading 'How to Live Forever' by Colin Thompson. This is a wonderfully mysterious picture book. We will be looking at the story and illustrations in detail. We will write newspaper reports and stories as well as debating whether we would like to live forever. We will also be continuing with our spelling and grammar work.

In the second half of term our work 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.

Our **Maths** work will focus on calculating the area of shapes (this continues from our measures work in the Autumn term). We will then move on to learning about fraction and decimals. We will be looking at equivalent fractions as well as how to order & compare and add & subtract fractions. We will then look at fraction and decimal equivalents and comparing/ ordering decimals. Alongside this we will be learning about formal written methods for multiplication and division. We will be continuing to work on learning (or increasing speed of) timestables

Our **Science** topics this term are states of matter, where we will learn about solids, liquids and gases. We will sort materials and investigate how and why they change states through melting and freezing. We will learn about evaporation and condensation and identify the different stages of the water cycle. After half term we will be learning all about sound and will finish the topic by applying our knowledge to help us make our own musical instruments.

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 'UK and Europe'. We will be thinking about physical and human geography. We will be firstly looking at where places are in the UK focusing on counties and key cities. We will then study Cardiff in more detail particularly contrasting the city with our local area. After half term, we will look at countries of Europe and capital cities. We will finish the topic with a study of a region in a European country.

In our **RE** we will be exploring the holy journeys made by believers, focusing on pilgrimages made by Christians and Hindus. After half term we will be exploring Lent and thinking about why believers might give something up.

Some of our **Art** work will link with Computing as we design and create scenery and characters for our animations. Class 4 will have a second cooking session with Mrs Bun the Baker later this term.

In our **PE** lessons we will be doing gymnastics. We will also have a session with a coach from Ignite sports. Please make sure that children have indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week in case lessons are rearranged. It is likely that Class 4 will start swimming in the near future, letters will be sent out with information.

Homework will continue to take the form of a 'Takeaway menu'. It is expected that every child will hand in a piece of work by Thursday each week and books will be returned on a Friday. Children completing 'world' tasks can have 2 weeks to complete the work, it is expected that these tasks will be shared

with the class. Unfortunately, it is not usually possible for other tasks to be shared.

Reading - Children are expected to read to an adult at home as often as possible. 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.

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

Mrs. Corrigan