

# Class 4 Newsletter

## Summer 2018

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 and Reading** this term, we will be basing all of our work on 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. After half term we will look at 'Wolves in the Walls' by Dave McKean & Neil Gaiman. Throughout our English topics we will continue to work on increasing our grammar knowledge. Spelling will also be taught, key spellings are available on the website for use at home. Where necessary, we will also be continuing to work on improving the presentation of written work.

In **Maths** we will initially be learning expanded and compact methods for multiplication and division. We will also be finishing off our work on decimals. Later in the term we will move on to learning about money and time, and then statistics and geometry. Children will continue to start all new maths topics using practical resources and will then move on to solving problems and explaining reasoning. Your child should have access to Times Table Rockstar, please make use of this to improve speed and recall of times tables but remember that a little and often approach is best!

In **Science** we will be learning about '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 **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.

Over the summer terms in our **PE** lessons we will be developing skills in tennis, tag rugby and athletics. Swimming will be continuing for those children who have received a letter. PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday but please have 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 in order to create silent movies. We will also continue to use ICT across the curriculum.

**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. Children completing tasks on the top row of the grid can have 2 weeks to complete the work and they are likely to be asked to share their learning with the rest of the class.

**Reading** - Children are expected to read aloud to an adult 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.

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

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