

# Class 4 Newsletter Autumn 2018

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a lovely summer break and are ready for another busy school year!

Our English work for the first term will be based on 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. We will initially be focusing on key word spellings and basic sentence construction through descriptive writing. Our work will then include diary writing and non-fiction genres. Later in the term we will read 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. Throughout Year 4 we will be developing grammar knowledge through sentence diagramming and in our written work. It is crucial this year that we work on key word 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.

Our Maths this term we will be concentrating on place value developing an in-depth understanding of 4 digit numbers. We will also be using formal written methods to add and subtract numbers with 3 and 4 digits. Alongside this, we will be working on our multiplication tables and division facts.

Our Science topic this term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will be looking at how habitats change over time with particular reference to our local area. We will develop skills in observing and classifying plants and animals. After half term our topic will be 'Animals including humans' which focuses on the human digestive system, the different types of teeth and their functions, and food chains, identifying, producers, predators, and prey.

Our PE lessons will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday this term.

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.

Staffing in Class 4 this year – I will be in class every morning and 2 afternoons. The grid below shows who will be teaching the class at other times. Mrs Roberts will be the TA in class all week.

Class 4 <u>Afternoons</u>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs Corrigan	Mrs Scott (PE) Mrs Dark (French) Or Mrs Steele (Art)	Mrs Barton (Science)	Mrs Hyde (PSHCE)  Reading Rockets Basketball coach	Mrs Corrigan

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

Mrs. Corrigan