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Year 4 Newsletter - November 2020



Welcome back! We hope everyone had a good half term. The children have come back rested and ready for another busy term!



Topics for this term:



This term, in **English**, we are looking at descriptive writing using the texts "The Firework Maker's Daughter" and "Flotsam". Children will be writing their own descriptions inspired by the rich vocabulary in the book, as well as applying the grammar for this term which includes fronted adverbials, conjunctions and word classes.



In **Maths**, we are learning about measures for the first few weeks, including finding equivalent lengths and calculating perimeter. We will then focus on multiplication and division. The children will continue to practise their multiplication tables daily and will be tested every Friday. Continued practice on Times Tables Rockstars at home will really benefit children in learning their times tables.



In **Geography** we will be carrying on with our topic 'Are Plastics Killing our Planet?' We will be learning about what damage plastic pollution is having on our oceans.



In **Science** our topic is "States of Matter" where we will be investigating how materials change.



In **R.E** we are learning why festivals are important to religious communities, looking at how religions celebrate the different "festivals of light" at this time of year.



In **French** our new topic is about School.



P.E kit:

The children continue to have PE on Mondays and Fridays this term. Please can children wear their PE kits into school on these days. School PE kit is a white T-shirt, trainers, black shorts or joggers and a black or school sweatshirt.

Homework & Google Classroom:

Spellings: Homework in Year 4 will be set on a Friday. To help children (and teachers!) become used to Google Classrooms in case our bubble needs to isolate, we have started to put the weekly spelling homework online. There is a power point with the spelling list, and 2 or 3 (optional) activities to help the children to learn the spellings. You can print the sheet off to practise learning them, but there is no need to hand anything in. There will continue to be a spelling test the following Friday.

Reading: Please listen to your child read at home as much as possible. We ask that they read at least 4 times a week for 10 minutes at a time. Your child now has a reading rainbow in their reading diary. As they complete each colour of the rainbow, they will earn small prizes and certificates. Reading records will be checked every Monday and your child can change their book on a Monday if required.

Times Tables: Please encourage your child to practise at home using Times Tables Rockstars.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries contact us via email.

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Many thanks for your continued support.

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