

Year 4 Newsletter Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's lovely to be back after a very exciting Christmas break. Hopefully, you and your families also enjoyed the festivities and some relaxation. Thank you so much for your generous and thoughtful gifts. The teaching assistants and I are very lucky ladies!

In English this term, our focus text will be *The Butterfly Lion* by one of our favourite authors, Michael Morpurgo. We will be studying the characters, settings and text style of this book and using it as a basis for our reading comprehension, grammar, spelling and punctuation.

As usual, the children will be bringing home a reading book from the class library. Please hear them read regularly and ask questions with an aim to enhance their comprehension. Also please encourage them to read independently and tell you in detail what they have read about afterwards. I will continue to set spellings for children to learn on Mondays and these will be tested on the following Monday. Please help your child to learn these both orally and writing them in the context of a sentence. The children will again be giving a talk; this term's theme is 'A famous world landmark'. Please see the separate sheet with the guidance about what they should prepare.

In Maths we will be building on the children's number, calculation, shape, space and measuring skills. We will also be doing some work on the computers. ICT is taught across the curriculum and the children will have plenty of opportunities to make use of it in many subjects.

Our science for this term will be 'States of matter' and 'Sound'. These topics give us ample opportunity to get involved in hands-on experimentation.

In RE we will be learning and thinking about Incarnation and 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday?'' In art we will be studying Mondrian and Kandinsky. PE will be on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday afternoons as usual.

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and should be returned the following Thursday. I am expecting to give out one piece of maths homework and one piece of English or topic homework every week.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries please come and speak to me at the end of the day when I can give you more time.

Best wishes,

Mrs Halstead