

# Year 4 / 5 Spring Term Class Newsletter

## **P.E.**

P.E. for the first half term will be every Tuesday morning. It will be outside in all weathers so the children will need warm clothing and a change of shoes. After half term we will be learning how to play rounders and developing the skills to become confident in playing the game.

## **Home Learning**

I would to repeat again that reading is an important part of your child's development throughout school. We recommended your child reads regularly at home, at least three times a week.

All the children have a TT Rockstars account to help them practise their timetables. It is extremely important that the children become fluent in all times tables up to 12 X 12. All the children should now be familiar with their login details as they can access this from home. Any problems logging in, please just ask!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and all of your family had an enjoyable Christmas and have had a great start to the new year. The children have settled back into school life really well and have already started to build upon previous learning.

Mr Soppitt, Mrs Appleby and Miss Middleton

## **English**

This term, the children in **Year 4/5** will be learning to:

- Use fronted adverbials and punctuate them correctly.
- Use and experiment with subordinate clauses.
- Proof read my writing for spelling, grammar and punctuation errors.
- Make changes to my vocabulary to improve my writing.
- Use Standard English correctly.
- Retrieves and records information from a text.
- Justifies inference with evidence from a text.

During this term we will also be focusing our lessons on Greek Mythology and the story book, Max and the Millions.

## **Maths**

This term, as well as consolidating prior learning, the children in **Year 4/5** will be learning to:

- Recap the multiplication facts up to 12x12.
- Multiply and divide larger numbers together.
- Calculate area of a shape.
- Equivalent fractions.
- Add and subtract fractions.
- Decimals – recognise tenths and hundredths.
- Decimals - divide by 10 and 100.

## Foundation Subjects

In Science, this half term the class will be learning all about Sound. They will identify how sounds are made, recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear, find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it as well as recognise that sounds get fainter as distance from the sound increases. Next half term they will learning all about electricity. They will do a variety of experiments involving the use of a simple circuit. They will identify some common appliances which run on electricity as well as some common conductors and insulators.

This term in Computing the children will be learning all about the internet. We will focus on internet research, identifying which word gives the better results when searching and how to share a webpage with others. They will also look closely at online safety, learning about cyberbullying, identify adverts online, create a strong password, identify an email that they should not open and discuss the positive and negative aspects of online communities.

In the first half term the children will learn History. The question we will study is 'How have the Ancient Greeks shaped our world?' This topic is a study of Ancient Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world. After half term the class will learn Geography. The topic is "Why do we have cities?" Pupils will learn about the features of cities and be able locate major cities on a map. This unit will help children to understand human and physical features of the UK.

- In RE. this term, we will be studying the question 'What do Christians believe about Jesus?' In this unit the children will look at Jesus's life including the miracles he performed and the parables he told. The year 5 children will be studying the question "What do Christians believe about God?"
- This half term the children will be learning about pneumatics and designing and making their own moving monster in Design and Technology. The second half term we will be looking at the artist William Morris and copying some of his techniques including making motifs and using repeating patterns.
- Throughout the year, the children will have the opportunity to learn to play either the clarinet, trumpet or baritone. Each Thursday afternoon teachers from Durham Music Service will lead the sessions which are always lots of fun and include a variety of musical games and lots of singing again hopefully!
- For the first half term in P.E. we will be doing outdoor learning. This will include developing listening skills, perseverance, independence and collaboration. After half term the children will be focusing on games, in particular rounders and developing the skills required to play it. This will include catching, throwing, striking and team work.
- In French children will This term the topics are days of the week, colours, numbers to 20, countries and simple descriptions. We will continue to use Salut! Which is an interactive whiteboard resource and is very good at encouraging the children to participate and enjoy learning French.