

# Class 4 News



## Summer Term 2017

### Welcome Back!

We had a very busy Spring term and the children worked extremely hard. Year 6 in particular have amazed us all with their confidence and determination to succeed in SATs preparation. We would again like to thank you for all your support with homework. It is really helping support your child.

As you are aware, reading is a vital part of your child's education. We would appreciate if you could make a note of when your child reads at home in their reading diary. Don't forget to log on to the Bug Club to access the amazing e-books.

Can you also please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit for indoors and outdoors as we will have football this term and need to be prepared for all weathers.

Don't forget to check the links below for a list of useful websites related to our topics and to support your children with English and Maths at home.

Many thanks,  
Class 4 Team

### PE Kit Reminder

Children must have a change of clothing and footwear for PE. *Our PE day is normally Wednesday, but please make sure children have kit in school at all times.*

**Indoor PE Kit:** Plain black or navy shorts and a white or blue plain t-shirt.

**Outdoor PE Kit:** As above but with additional jogging bottoms, jogging top (no hood) and trainers.



Please ensure that all your child's personal clothing and property is clearly named.

### Uniform

We love all the children to wear school uniform. It gives the children a sense of pride and belonging to the school and it looks wonderful.

- ★ Dark blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan.
- ★ Dark blue skirt/pinafore
- ★ Blue, grey or black trousers
- ★ White or blue polo shirt
- ★ Blue gingham dress
- ★ Sensible footwear (no trainers)

Jewellery shouldn't be worn for health and safety reasons. Please help us to enforce this.

### Homework

Homework, including spellings, will be sent home on Thursday and should be returned to school by the following Tuesday. We advise that your child looks at homework as early as possible during this time, so they can bring it back to school for help if necessary before the Tuesday deadline. Homework will normally consist of either an English or Maths activity, although it may occasionally be based on another subject e.g. Science.

#### Reading

Reading at home is extremely important! We would love to see your child's 'Home Reading Diaries' completed at **least three times a week** please. Your child can take a free choice book home from school, or they can read an appropriate book from home instead if they wish.

If you have forgotten the log in to the Bug Club ([www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)) please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Richardson.

### Websites to help support your child at home...



Bug Club Reading and Grammar

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

school code: lqt3



Maths

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk>

(search for 6-11 Speed Challenge)

<http://nrich.maths.org/students>



Computing

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/greatham-TS25>

Topic:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/titanic>

Royal Museums Greenwich website (search for

Titanic)

### Maths

The main areas of study this term will be:

- strengthening Algebra skills
- consolidating learning through multi-step word problems
- investigating patterns and solving puzzles
- applying maths skills to practical problems such as baking and product design

### English

In English, we will be researching and writing about the Titanic, and reading the excellent novel 'Spirit of the Titanic' by Nicola Pierce. As part of this unit we will write:

- a recount of the ship's journey,
- a range of diary entries,
- a travel brochure for 1st and 3rd class
- a newspaper report of the sinking.

We will continue to improve reading comprehension through guided reading and the Reading UFO.

### Science

This term, our topic is Electricity. We are revising circuit components, exploring how to build a circuit to fulfil a set of criteria, and finding out how to pinpoint problems and correct them. As part of this topic, class 4 will have a tour of Hartlepool Power Station to learn more about electricity generation in our region. Y5 will also attend a STEAM day to have a go at more hands-on science and technology activities.



### Topic

Our topic work is closely linked to English this term, allowing us to learn even more about the Titanic and the tragic events surrounding it. We will be writing an advert for the trip, creating a poster to assist the passengers of different nationalities in 3rd class, and using art and design to recreate scenes and artefacts from the ship.



### Computing

In programming, we will be exploring how to use a variable to increase programming possibilities, and the use of 'if' and 'then' commands to select an action. We will revisit the subject of cyber-bullying, an e-safety, and we would encourage you to monitor your child's use of technology at home to ensure they are using it appropriately.

### RE

#### **Ascension and Pentecost People of Faith**

This term we will be revisiting the topic of Ascension and Pentecost, originally covered in Class 2, to broaden and deepen children's understanding of these fundamental events in the Christian faith.

We will also study the lives of Christian people of faith, learning how the Holy Spirit impacts their life and work.

### PSHCE

In PSHE, we will cover a range of topics including:

- Bereavement
- The Green-Eyed Monster
- Belonging to Groups
- Tricky Topics
- Growing and Changing – Puberty (Lucinda and Godfrey)

