

Class 4 News



Autumn Term 2017

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to School! We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to the new term ahead.

We had a fantastic summer term! There were many highlights of last half term including learning all about the Titanic, a field trip to the Power Station, and the outstanding class performance, Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

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 home reader and continue to support your child with their homework. 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 rugby this term and need to be prepared for all weathers.

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

Many thanks,
Mrs Richardson and Miss Cook

Dates to remember

September

- 7th Class 4 meeting for parents
- 8th Admissions Team to talk to Y6 @ 2.45
- 27th Visit to Bede's World (packed lunch needed)
- 29th Non-uniform day for Autumn Fair donations

October

- 4th Autumn Fair @ 6pm
- 11th Space 2 Learn (all day – packed lunch needed)
- 20th School closes for half term
- 30th School reopens

November

- 7th, 8th Parents Evening
- 10th Class Worship @ 9am

PE Kit Reminder

Children must have a change of clothing and footwear for PE. *Our PE day is **Wednesday***

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**. Your child can take a free choice book home from school, read a book on Bug Club and answer the comprehension questions (at least once a week please), 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) please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Richardson.

Maths

The main areas of study this term will be:

- Place value and number, exploring numbers up to 10,000,000
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
- Calculation methods, including short division, and expanded short multiplication
- The properties of 2D and 3D shapes, including circles
- Measures, including conversion
- Time: 12 and 24 hour clock; reading timetables



English

We will be reading *The White Horse of Zennor* by Michael Morpurgo, exploring the text for meaning and having a go at writing our own modern legend. In addition we will write a recount of a trip and a leaflet to persuade people to visit *Bede's World*, as well as writing and performing Slam Poetry. We will look at journalistic writing and discover the works of Shakespeare through *The Tempest*, and explore the Victorian world of Charles Dickens through *A Christmas Carol*.

Science

Properties and Changes of Materials

After revising prior knowledge about materials and states of matter, we will plan and conduct several investigations into solubility, reversible and irreversible changes, thermal conductivity, heating and burning, and separating mixtures. We will revise the rules for conducting a fair test and children will be encouraged to question, asking 'what if...?' and to explore their own test criteria.

Ancient Greece

This term we will be learning all about Ancient Greece, investigating the timeline and the life of Alexander the Great, and learning to think and question like a real Ancient Greek historian. We will learn about Democracy, the Ancient Greek Olympics, find out about Gods and Goddesses and look at the reasons behind the Trojan War and Battle of Marathon. We will explore what it was like to go to school in Ancient Greece and compare this to children's experience of school today.



Computing

Children will take part in an exciting trip to Space2Learn, to learn how to design a game using Kodu.

We will also learn about cyber-bullying and e-safety, and encourage you to monitor your child's use of technology at home to ensure they are using it safely.

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The Northern Saints

This half term we will be studying the lives of the Northern Saints, including St Hilda, St Cuthbert and St Bede, learning about their work and influence on the area, but also reflecting on what it means to dedicate oneself to God, to a faith, or towards any other strong belief. We will be visiting *Bede's World* in Jarrow to experience what life was like for Bede, as a child and as part of a Holy Order

PSHE

Through PSHE, we will be exploring issues that affect our lives today, including:

- Freedom
- Democracy
- Working for Peace
- Our Interconnected World
- Child Slavery
- Growing and Changing – Puberty

Websites to help support your child at home...

Reading and Grammar

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk



Maths

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=SpeedChallenge>

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

Computing

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



Ancient Greeks

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z87tn39>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/greece/10-facts-about-the-ancient-greeks/>

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/ancient-greece/>

<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/history/greece/>

