

Class 4 News



Spring Term 2018

Welcome Back!

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

We had a fantastic Autumn term and would again like to thank you for all your support with the homework. It is really helping support your child. There were many highlights of last term including learning all about rivers, studying our local river, the Tees, and finding out about Hartlepool's founding father, Ralph Ward Jackson

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.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate footwear and warm clothing for outdoor PE in school at all times.

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

All children are now wearing school PE kit, but parents are reminded that footwear is still needed for PE. Please ensure your child also has warm clothing to wear over PE kits for outdoor PE, such as jogging bottoms and a warm top (preferably no hood). *Our PE day is normally Thursday, but please make sure children have kit in school at all times.*



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) please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Richardson.

Websites to help support your child at home...



Reading and Grammar
www.activelearnprimary.co.uk



Maths
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk>
(search for Daily 10 and use levels 4, 5 and 6)
<http://nrich.maths.org/students>



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

Topic:

BBC Mountain: Life at the Extreme website
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b093xhxm>
Stone Age video:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01zfxnh>

Maths

The main areas of study this term will be:

Consolidating methods learned throughout the year

Continuing to strengthen problem-solving skills, including real-life problems using weights and measures
Using skills and methods learned to work on maths projects

Calculating accurately at speed is vitally important in Class 4, so we will continue to work on times tables skills and related division facts.



English

This term we are taking an in-depth look at the wizarding world through reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. We will explore Diagon Alley, write a prospectus for Hogwarts, as well as a job advert for a wizard and diary entries for Harry and his nemesis, Dudley Dursley. Children can immerse themselves in the story through whole-class reading and role-play, to enable them to gain a deep understanding of the text.

Science

Earth and Space/Light

This term we will be taking a closer look at the solar system through our Space topic, in particular proving that the Earth rotates and looking at the relationship between the Earth, Moon and Sun. Later in the term, we will also find out more about light: how it travels, how shadows form and the composition of colours

Marvellous Mountains/The Stone Age

In Topic, we are firstly improving geographical skills through learning about mountains: how they form, their features, where in the world they are found and mountain tourism.

Later in the term, we will explore the Stone Age, discovering how early humans survived by looking at sites such as Stonehenge and Scarra Brae. We will also explore Stone Age art and have a go at reproducing cave art.



Computing

This term in programming, we are looking at algorithms. We will use data handling via spreadsheets and a simple database to record and analyse information. We will revisit the subject of cyber-bullying and 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 **Islam**

This term, we are learning about the Muslim faith and the people who follow Islam, looking at what Muslims believe and how those beliefs are expressed. We are learning about the importance of the five pillars of Islam and their impact on the lives of Muslims around the world. We will learn how to handle the Qur'an, find out about the language of the religion and study how pattern is used in worship.

PSHCE

★ Moving On

Children will consider their role within the school, their rights and responsibilities, and how to handle positive and negative changes in their lives. The children will develop knowledge, understanding and skills in self-awareness, managing feelings and empathy.

