

Class 4 News



Spring Term 2019

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to School! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday 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. 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 footwear for indoor and outdoor PE, as well as a long sleeved top and jogging bottoms, as we will have hockey 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: this is provided by school, but suitable footwear for PE **must** be kept in school at all times

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



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, including one session on Bug Club. 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 6-11 Speed Challenge)

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

<https://ttrockstars.com/>



Computing

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

Topic:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z9rcwmn/resources/1>

<http://www.oddizzi.com/teachers/explore-the-world/places/north-america/>

Maths

The main areas of study this term will be:

- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages; multiplying and dividing fractions
- Calculation methods, including short division, and expanded short multiplication
- Coordinates
- Measures, including conversion
- Time: 12 and 24 hour clock; reading timetables
- Ratio and Proportion
- Reasoning and problem solving using a range of mathematical skills



English

Writing this term will include analysing Quest stories, planning and writing a modern Quest story, using persuasive writing to write a travel brochure for the Americas and looking at Haiku poetry. In the second half term we will read Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', and use this as a stimulus for writing and drama. As well as this, we will be learning how to write an explanation text and writing the story told in a music video.

Science

Living Things/Evolution

This term, our focus is Biology, investigating the life cycles of plants and animals, and learning all about evolution and inheritance, finding out about inherited characteristics and evolution through adaptation. Through this programme of study, we will learn more about important people in the field of Science, such as Charles Darwin, Jane Goodall and Mary Anning.

Amazing Americas

This term we will be exploring the life, culture and history of the Americas. We will study the geography of North and South America, and plan a trip there, and we will learn about the ancient Mayan civilization. In addition, we will learn about the artists of South America and have a go at recreating some of their works. Our Design and Technology will be the foods of the Americas, including trying out some recipes which incorporate these.



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 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

Pilgrimage/The Last Supper

This term we will be considering the idea of life being a journey, and learn about why pilgrimages are undertaken. We will look at the people and location of some famous pilgrimages. After half term, we will be thinking about the events and symbolism of the Last Supper, thinking about why this event is so important to Christians even today.

PSHCE

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

- The Magna Carta
- Martin Luther King
- Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale
- Identities
- Dilemmas
- Valentine's Day

