



CLASS 4 NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2018



Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year with your children. We have already settled back into routines at school; the year six children have begun SATs boosters with myself and Mr Clark and all of the children are working extremely hard. Below is a break-down of everything that we will be covering and what you need to know for the coming term.

In Maths we are continuing with Convince Me Maths. The children are becoming more confident in explaining their mathematical understanding and are seeing the advantages of their new level of understanding in assessments. Our next unit is 'exploring shape' where the children will consolidate their knowledge of vertical, horizontal, parallel and perpendicular lines. As well as measuring angles, identifying acute, obtuse and reflex angles and learning about angles around a point and vertically opposite angles. We will then move on to 'generalising arithmetic' which has a huge focus on division; long division, bus stop method of division and mental division. Following that, in Spring 2 we will explore fractions, decimals and percentages. We will continue to assess the children on their times tables knowledge.

In English we are continuing with Comprehension bug. This term the children will be analysing lots of poetry and non-fiction, factual texts. We will also continue to have a discrete grammar and punctuation session every Monday and a discrete Spelling session every Friday. The rest of the week we will continue to practise planning, drafting and editing our writing in our draft books. We will be studying William Shakespeare, starting with Julius Caesar which links closely to our Romans topic. We will also complete writing linked to our other topics; The Anglo-Saxons and Earth and Space.

In Science we are completing our Earth and Space topic, consolidating our understanding of the phases of the moon and planets in the solar system. We will then move on to electricity where the children will practise drawing diagrams using symbols and making circuits. We will also explore the voltage of

cells and the variations in how components function. In Spring 2 we will revisit forces where we will recap gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction.

In History we are completing our research on the Roman Empire with a focus on Julius Caesar. We will then move on to learn about the Anglo Saxons, we will begin by researching Britain's Settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots. In Geography we will be focusing on map work, the children will practise reading and drawing their own maps using symbols and keys.

In Computing we will continue to use Purple Mash. We will access computing through lots of different curriculum areas.

We continue to encourage a healthy lifestyle in many ways. Last term the Class 4 children were visited by Dave Gibson who trained them to deliver Wake up Shake Up, which we will now do most mornings (we will alternate Wake Up Shake Up with the Appleton Mile when the weather improves). The children were also trained to deliver an exciting lunch time exercise club for the other classes. In PE lessons we have a visitor teaching cricket sessions and we will be doing gymnastics and continuing with Skip2bfit and Box2bfit.

Just a reminder that we ask that children read a minimum of three times a week. Please sign the relevant day to indicate you have heard or are aware that they have read. All children who do read at least three times a week will receive a team point for their team. I am sure you will have seen our new planners, please write any notes for me in the new planners rather than reading journals.



Monday		Outdoor PE kit required
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		Indoor PE kit required (box2bfit)
Friday	Homework to be handed in	Spelling test New homework will be set

Thank you for your ongoing support, we are looking forward to 2018 together!

Miss Rowling and Mrs Stainthorpe

