

Tuesday 23rd January 2018

Dear Class 4 Parents,

Welcome back to the term and Happy New Year! We have an exciting and busy term ahead of us, exploring our new topic of 'Do-you-think-he-saurus?' and beginning our preparation for this year's SATS.

This term in Class 4 the children will be travelling back in time to the land of the dinosaurs within our whole school theme. Below is a curriculum outline explaining some of the exciting areas the children will be learning about this term.

<p>Maths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children will be recapping a range of times table facts from 3 times tables to the 12 times tables. • Decimals • Percentages • Algebra • Data handling • Angles 	<p>English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing short stories based on the fiction book 'How to live forever.' • Writing fact files about dinosaurs. • Exploring persuasive writing • Using the idea of a Jurassic world to create their own stories and diary entries and to explore the question 'What would the world be like if dinosaurs still existed today?' 	<p>Topic: 'Do-you-think-he-saurus?' This Spring term's topic is 'Do-you-think-he-saurus?' In Class 4, we will be exploring this topic by travelling back to the when dinosaurs roamed the Earth, investigating where the dinosaurs lived around the world and discussing the big question 'What killed the dinosaurs?'</p>
<p>Computing/ICT This term, the children will be learning about E-safety as part of ICT. The children will also be participating in a Safer Internet day on Tuesday 6th February. The day will be celebrated globally and is an opportunity to help promote safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.</p> <p>They will begin to learn about coding, writing programs and algorithms.</p>	<p>Be the Best you can be Last term the children set their own goals for the term. During Live Learn Flourish week the children reflected on and created new goals for this term. Their goals were then put onto Class 4's achievement ladder. Please feel free to discuss your child's new targets and the path they are going to take to achieve it with them.</p>	<p>Physical Education. The children will no longer be participating in swimming lessons on Friday afternoons. There will be two PE lessons in each week, indoor (dance) and outdoor (tag-rugby and Hockey). In order to fit these sessions into the timetable, PE times may vary across the week. Please can children ensure that they have their PE kits in school all week.</p>
<p>Art and Design The children will be creating different artwork related to dinosaurs.</p>	<p>Science The children will be learning all about the scientific topic of Evolution and Investigating Fossils.</p>	<p>R.E./Worship This terms value is Courage. In R.E. lessons the children will be talking all about Salvation.</p>

Changes to the Class 4 timetable

There will be a few changes made available to the timetable for this term. This term Year 6 will also be participating in SATS intervention sessions, the sessions will be used to help support and prepare the children for the tests in May. Sessions will take place during the school day. As part of the preparation for SATs, tests papers will also be sent home. The tests are used as a tool to address any misconceptions the children may have, therefore we encourage parents to discuss any questions the children may have with them.

I will be also delivering a SATS information evening on **Monday 26th February, 5.30pm**. The evening will be an opportunity for parents to find out about the SATS tests and answer any questions you may have.

Rainbow Maths

The children will be continuing with their Rainbow Maths sessions in the morning. Last term, the children worked hard to achieve their targets for the term. Please discuss the targets that your child has set for themselves for this spring term, extra sheets can be provided to help them practise their sheets at home. Maths and English lessons will continue to take place in the morning.

Homework

The response to last term's homework was fantastic, and we were very impressed by the quality and volume of work that the children produced. It was great to display such an arrangement of different pieces on the share day.

This terms homework map includes a range of activities linked to Class 4's topic. We do ask children to try and complete a range of homework pieces (including one of the 10 point tasks) across the subject areas and for homework to be handed in by **Monday 19th March**. We look forward to sharing the homework at **2.30pm on 19th March**.

Alongside the topic homework maps, we ask children to continue to read at home regularly, use Mathletics to encourage Maths practice and keep practicing their times tables.

This term will be another exciting and busy term; I look forward to celebrating the children's achievements with you in February.

Kind regards,
Miss Walker
Class 4 Teacher