

Class 4 Newsletter

January 2012....bring it on!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you and your family have enjoyed a thoroughly decent Christmas and that the children are ready for a new year packed-full of academic challenges.

The third term encompasses the teaching practice of both Mr Box and Mrs Rujas; Bath Spa Teachers in the second part of their PGCE course. With this triumvirate of teachers, and the support of Mrs Williams, the children will enjoy a rich curriculum and a variety of teaching styles. The ratio of teachers to pupils also provides an ideal opportunity for the Year Sixes to begin preparation for SAT's later in the year.

Our Curriculum:

The theme for this term will be the ideas and designs from Ancient Greece that we still use today. This very relevant study has already witnessed the arrival of a strange Trojan Horse in the classroom and a visit from two toga-clad Ancient Grecians.

In literacy we will be studying stories with flashbacks, ask your children to demonstrate their Kung-Fu Punctuation ability, just remember to duck!

Our numeracy activities will include calculating with decimals, finding averages, exploring 3D shapes and studying time, including 24 hour clock.

For science our investigations will focus on electrical circuits and light. We hope to use both practical experiments and ICT to help support the pupils' understanding.

We will thread Ancient Greek ideas through all of our curricular areas from gymnastics and fitness linked with the Olympian ideal to 'Moving Toys', our DTEC theme which will rely upon circuitry studied in science.

Homework:

Our homework schedule will remain the same, new homework handed-out on Tuesday and back to the teacher by the following Monday.

Spellings and spelling tests will revert to a weekly basis, with test results and outstanding homework being rewarded by House Points.

We will be running a lunch-time 'Helping Hand' club on a Wednesday/Thursday if your child needs support with their homework or strives to be challenged in other areas of the curriculum.

Lunchtime Clubs:

Using the talents of our teachers, we can offer Class 4 a fine selection of lunchtime clubs, please fill in the slip below and return to Mr. Tapley.

Digital Photography: (Monday)

Get snap-happy with Mr Box over the next 5 weeks.

Cartooning and Arty Stuff Club: (Monday)

Miss Rujas and Mr Tapley are here to help you draw some funny 'toons and get to grips with technical drawing.

Tag-rugby: (Tuesday)

Mr Box and Mr Tapley coaching skills and strategies (outdoor kit required please, including boots).

Dance: (Tuesday)

Miss Rujas struts her stuff in the hall with the children.

Thank You:

A great big thank you for all of our cards and gifts at Christmas time, we were spoilt rotten!

Thank you for all your help during our Christmas production, our pupils produced two phenomenal shows.

The Future:

We aim for the new School Library to be ready for use by February, Class Four are really looking forward to diving into some incredible non-fiction and fiction books.

We will also be launching Mathletics, an ICT programme designed to support and challenge all of our children at school and at home. We will keep you posted with the opening and log-on details.

As you are aware, you are an important part in your child's learning pathway, please feel confident that your questions, ideas and help are always appreciated. Come in, lend a hand, have a chat, enjoy the journey in Class Four!

Yours sincerely,

Dave Tapley	Rachel Williams	Charlotte Rujas	Chris Box
Deputy	Teacher Assistant	BST	BST
Head Teacher			

Please return to Mr.Tapley

Class 4 Lunchtime Clubs

Name of child:

<u>Digital Photography: (Monday)</u> <u>Or,</u>	
<u>Cartooning and Arty Stuff: (Monday)</u>	
<u>Tag-rugby: (Tuesday)</u> <u>Boots and outdoor PE kit required</u> <u>Or,</u>	
<u>Dancing Stars. (Tuesday)</u> <u>Indoor PE kit required</u>	

Signed:

Date:

Any relevant medical conditions: