

Monday 31st January 2022

Dear Class 4 Parents,

Welcome back to the term and a very Happy New Year! I hope you all managed to have a lovely Christmas break and are excited for another busy term ahead. This term, the whole school topic is *'The street beneath my feet'* and in Class 4 the children will be learning all about their local area and the rise and fall of the Uley woolen trade.

Alongside the exciting topic this term, the children will also be participating in lots of fun learning activities across the curriculum. Below is an overview of the areas we will be focusing on:

<p>Maths This term's Maths lessons will focus on learning and revising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fractions, decimals and percentages algebra measurement, including converting units and exploring perimeter, area and volume <p>This term statistics will be taught through our science unit.</p> <p>The children will also be practising their arithmetic skills on a Friday morning. Please keep practising any multiplication tables your child is still unsure about at home with them. (Your child's multiplication results were sent out the week beginning 10th Jan)</p>	<p>English: This term in English the children are going to be exploring the Uley woolen trade and will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> writing stories with an historical setting recounting what happened during the Uley riots and writing newspaper reports Writing non-chronological reports about life on the waterways. The children will also be writing poems relating to a journey down a river. 	<p>Science (Properties and Materials) This term's science unit is a chemistry focus and involves the children exploring the different properties of everyday materials.</p> <p>The children will also conduct a variety of science investigations to explore how to compare materials based on their ability to be an insulator, a conductor, and their solubility.</p> <p>The children will also learn different ways mixtures can be separated using techniques such as filtering, sieving and evaporation.</p>
<p>R.E. During R.E. lessons Class 4 will be exploring the topic of Gospels and salvation and answering the questions: <i>What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people?</i> <i>How do Christians decide how to live?</i> <i>What would Jesus do?</i></p> <p>Worship This term's whole school value is perseverance. The children will be learning the importance of this value, including exploring how the value is shown within the gospel stories.</p>	<p>Art and Design and technology Linked to our topic focus the children will be learning how to make felt.</p> <p>They will also be designing and creating a variety of 3d models including bridges and water wheels.</p> <p>With Mrs Delrosa the class will be focussing on drawing skills and techniques this term. Tone, shading, 3D and line drawing. We will use these techniques to draw local buildings and landscapes.</p>	<p>Computing/Online safety This term's focus for online safety is 'Managing online content. During Live, Learn, Flourish week the class explored this further by discussing the impact of fake websites, sponsorships and ads and ways to be cautious when using unreliable information online.</p> <p>This term the whole school will be taking part in the Online E-safety day on Tuesday 8th February, focused on the theme: Exploring respect and relationships online.</p>
<p>Physical Education This term Class 4 will be having their P.E. lessons on a Thursday afternoon, before February half term the children will be going outside to learn how to play Quicksticks Hockey and after half term, the children will be participating in indoor Gymnastic sessions. On a Friday afternoon the class will participate in swimming lessons at The Pulse in Dursley.</p>	<p>PSHCE This term the children will be focusing on the theme 'Be the best' which includes a range of sessions on how to support their Mental health and wellbeing and staying safe. This term's school wellbeing focus is <i>'Keep learning'</i> which relates to our school value of Wisdom.</p>	

Exciting events happening in Class 4 (dates to remember).

My Special thing

Last term, Class 4 thoroughly enjoyed listening to one another's 'My Special Thing' on a Friday and I am very much looking forward to hearing from more children about their interests and hobbies. The class were also told their date for the presentation, however, if you have any questions regarding your child's 'My Special Thing' or have forgotten your child's date, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 8th February the whole school will be taking part in an online safety day to celebrate the theme: 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. During the day, the class will be learning about the importance of online safety and discussing a range of topics relating to the theme. The School Beat Officer will also be delivering a talk about online relationships to the class on Wednesday 9th February.

Year 6 SATS

This term the Year 6's will be preparing for their SATS tests in May (**The week beginning 9th May**). Alongside the work they will be completing in school, resources including worksheets and example tests will be sent home to support their revision at home. Please support and encourage your child to complete the activities at home, as all preparation will help support your child with completing the SATS tests in May. I will also be explaining ways you can support your child with their preparation for their SATS tests during the parents evening sessions this term and information regarding the SATS will be sent out to you prior to the online meetings.

English events this term

To continue to develop our reading and writing skills in school, we have lots of exciting events coming up this term for the children to enjoy in school. This includes Story telling on Wednesday 2nd February, World Book Day on the Thursday 3rd March and finally Poetry Day on Friday 21st March. We will look forward to sharing lots of work we have produced with you after these events.

Morfa Bay

To finish of a busy spring term, Class 4 will be heading to Morfa Bay for the Year 5/6 residential during the week beginning 4th April. The residential is a brilliant opportunity for the children to participate in a range of activities, face lots of different challenges and enjoy time together. More information about the residential will be sent out closer to the time.

Homework

Homework topic webs

In Class 4, the children are encouraged to complete both the homework topic web as well as their weekly spelling homework each term. The homework topic web is linked to all areas of the curriculum and each piece of homework encourages a skill relating to 'research', 'make', 'apply' or 'practice'. Class 4 will also play an active role in discussing and choosing homework activities they would like to complete relating to our topics. We do ask that children try and **complete a range of homework pieces** across a range of subject areas. As mentioned on the homework topic maps, all homework will now need to be received digitally and can be sent to the Class 4 email account, which will be open for the week beginning 28th March 2022. 5 team points will be awarded to every task completed and the homework will be shared and celebrated within the class once all the homework has been received.

Weekly spelling homework

I was extremely impressed by the children's attitude towards completing their spelling homework last term and was particularly pleased to see some children challenging themselves to complete a variety of application tasks. This term spelling homework will begin again. However, can I remind all parents and children that spelling homework will be handed out every Tuesday to be returned to school on a Monday. Please also remind your child/children to continue to practise and explore the spelling patterns at home in preparation for their spelling test on a Monday.

I look forward to another busy term ahead and sharing Class 4's achievements with you!

Kind regards, Mrs Royle