

Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Class 4

Just a few bits of information to ease you into Class 4's summer term.

### **Activities and Class Topics**

#### Literacy

In our Literacy lessons we will be reading the book "The Promise" by Nicola Davies and using it as inspiration to write a character narrative and a persuasive letter.

#### Mathematics

For maths we will be teaching from the White Rose scheme. The children will be developing understanding and skills in place value; mental calculation and paper and pencil procedures for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion, data handling and reasoning about shapes and measures.

Please make sure your child is completing their TTRockstars homework each week. This is not meant to be an optional homework and it is essential practise for times tables.

#### Geography

Our first topic this term is on biomes. We will be finding out about the different types of biome, comparing the plant and animal life within each biome. We will be producing posters to explain the differences and the location of different biomes.

#### History

Our theme is 'Vikings and Anglo Saxons' and we will be working to answer the question "Was Alfred great?"

#### DT and Art

Our DT project on bridges is well under way. After completion, we will be working with food. We will look at the journey of food from field to fork and adapting recipes to our own taste or to improve nutrition.

In art we will be printing and preparing our contribution to the Lindow Moss Art Trail.

#### Science

First we will investigate some different food groups and find out what makes a healthy diet, what happens to the heart when we exercise and why, how muscles move the skeleton and to investigate the effects of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

After half term we will be learning about light, how the eye sees and understanding shadow.

#### PE

Swimming has begun and will continue on Monday afternoons until July.

Year 4s will have a dance lesson every Wednesday to prepare them for a dance festival later in the term, (date to be confirmed). Year 5s will have football on Fridays, with the Year 5s from Class 5. It would be useful for your child to have a PE kit on their peg all week, in the summer term we like to go out to play rounders when we have the chance and the weather is suitable. Please remember to send a carrier bag for muddy boots.

#### Music

Clarinet lessons continue and the Year 4s will be taking part in the Halle performance at the Bridgewater Hall on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Most of our music lessons this term will be preparing our end of year show.

### Reading

After completing "Rooftoppers" by Katherine Rundell, we will be reading a book by Ben Miller. Please remember to encourage your child to read regularly at home and to update their reading record. The reading challenge continues!

Mrs Campey will teach class 4 every Thursday- and will deliver Science, Maths, RE and IT

### RE

In our theme this term, we will take a multi-faith look at the question "How and why do people try to make the world a better place?"

### Computing

We will begin the term by looking into programming music using Scratch. We will compose a piece to accompany a theme, short film or picture.

After half term our theme will be computer systems and networks, we will look at a fictional school system and troubleshoot and debug errors.

### **Homework**

As before, your child should receive 3 pieces of homework each week, as follows: Maths workbooks, a literacy or topic based piece and a spelling pattern to learn. Spellings will be tested on **Fridays**. Maths and Literacy homework will be set on **Wednesdays** and due back the following **Tuesday**. If your child fails to bring in their homework on the Tuesday, they will be given one day's grace but if it is not handed in on the following day, they will be expected to do the homework at playtime.

### **Extra Information**

#### Bags

Large coats, hats and gloves mean that our cloakroom struggles to contain everything this term. We ask the children to bring in a pump bag each week, as mentioned, and it is crucial that this bag is a **drawstring bag** as we will be keeping these bags in our small cloakroom. We do not have the room for every child to bring in a backpack each day, our cloakroom is small, backpacks drop to the floor and cause a significant trip hazard. If you feel your child needs to use a backpack please let me know, but otherwise please only use a backpack on days where your child is going to an after school club such as yoga, and needs extra kit in school.

#### Water

We encourage the children to drink water during the day and therefore encourage them to bring in a water bottle. **Please ensure your child's bottle is labelled** and we will remind them to bring the bottle home daily for washing!

#### Pencil cases

Children are allowed to bring a pencil case from home, please limit the size of the case so that it can fit in your child's tray each night.

We hope this information is helpful but do feel free to share any concerns or worries you may have regarding your child.

Kind regards

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