



## Welcome to Class 4 Autumn 2017

Dear Class 4 Parents,

Thank you for all your hard work getting your children ready for the new school year. The whole class are looking settled and happy, progressing through the Year 1 and Year 2 curriculums - your children really love to learn - and we love teaching them!

Mr Potter, Mrs Lacy and Mrs Barber.

### English

Reading is a crucially important part of our curriculum Year 1 and 2 curriculums. We teach reading skills through guided reading, group tasks and individual reading.

We will help the children to improve their reading skills by showing them how work out words they don't recognise. They can do this by splitting up the word into individual sounds e.g. ch i p = chip or by looking at the pictures to give them clues. It is important for the children to look at the first sound in each word. We will also teach them to read on to see if there is a clue to help them work out the word they do not recognise.

When writing we will be ensuring that the children are using capital letters and full stops. Children will be learning how to form sentences correctly.

### Maths

Learning times tables and number bonds is a major part of your child becoming more confident in Maths in Year 1 and Year 2.

Maths is made so much easier if a child understands their number bonds. We will be learning our number bonds to 10 e.g.  $6+4$  makes 10,  $7+3$  makes 10... Then we will be learning our number bonds to 20. Practising these number bonds at home would be very helpful as your children should be able to say the answer straight away.

100 squares will be used frequently in maths lessons. Children will be taught to see patterns in the 100 square, as well as being able to pick out odd and even numbers.

### Science

We will be learning about Animals including humans in science. This topic will enable us to find out more about how animals grow and change and what they need to survive.

When looking at humans we will be learning about healthy eating and hygiene, good life skills for all children! The children are often fascinated by Science and may have lots of questions at home sparked by our topic so please do encourage them - many children enjoy looking at library books to do with Science and sometimes they bring these in to show the rest of the class.

### RE

The focus of this term's R.E work is loving and belonging. We will look at the love of our families and how we all belong to the family of God. The children will discuss their own experiences of the love and care shown in their own family. We will learn that Jesus grew up in a family who loved and cared for him.

## PE

Invasion games are the main focus of the first part of our PE teaching this term. We will also be enjoying gymnastics sessions with Mr Smith.

Our PE sessions are on Monday and Tuesday. There are also additional sessions fortnightly on a Friday.

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school ALL WEEK as days for PE can change.

The PE kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls. All children do need plimsolls. Children should also have a water bottle in school which should be taken home every night, washed and refilled.

Please make sure that your child's name is in all parts of their PE kit as well as all parts of their school uniform.

## History

Class 4 are really enjoying finding out about the Romans which is our History topic this term. We are looking at some of the main characters in the dramatic story of how the Romans came to Britain. We will be finding out about where the Romans came from and the people they met here. We will also be looking into many parts of Roman life such as the food they ate, the language they spoke, the sports they played and the clothes they wore. We will also be finding out about their enemies and the battles they had. As well as finding out some fascinating information about the Romans we will be looking into how we actually know things from the past.

## Art, Music and D&T

As part of our Design and Technology curriculum Class 4 are designing our own healthy snack. We will be trying out a range of fruit and vegetables and then designing and planning together. We will then have a great time when we make it in teams. Then we will end it all by eating our delicious work - after we've taken lots of photographs of course!

## Homework

Homework will be sent out every Tuesday and will be collected in the following Monday. All homework will be put in the children's homework book.

Homework will consist of weekly spellings and learning number bonds or times tables. We will also send home tasks to support English and Maths learning linked to the topics we are doing at the time.

## Important Dates!

We will be celebrating European Languages Day on 20th October – in Class 4 we will be focusing on Holland so dress up in red, white and blue or orange.

Don't forget to visit our website for more information  
<http://www.sbcschools.org.uk/stpatricks/>

