



Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter



I hope you all had a lovely mid-term break – Class 4 seem refreshed and ready to continue their learning. We will be embarking on many exciting learning experiences this term, starting with a Science Day at Durham University on Wednesday 13th November. The topic for the forthcoming term is “Winter Wonderland” which will explore many of the ways in which this time of year is magical across all areas of the curriculum. Our **Class Assembly** will be on **Friday 15th November 2019 at 2.30p.m.** We hope to see you there!!

English

Our writing will be focussed around the story **The Ice Palace**, by Robert Swindells. We will be writing and performing poetry, thinking about quest stories, developing character descriptions and writing newspaper reports.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Skills (SPaG)

The children will continue to develop their understanding of various grammar devices and learn how to incorporate them into their writing to make it more powerful and effective in a variety of different ways. The children will receive weekly spellings from the Year 3/4 statutory spelling list to learn. They will be tested on these in a small spelling dictation passage each week. Please help your child to learn these spellings at home.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on Length and Perimeter, and Multiplication and Division. The children will learn to:-

- Convert between units of measurement (e.g metres to kilometres)
- Measure and calculate the perimeter of given rectangular shapes in centimetres and metres.
- Multiply and Divide by 10 and 100
- Multiply and divide by 1 and 0
- Count in intervals of 6,7, 9, 25, and 1000

It is essential that the children learn and practise their times tables facts to 12x12.

We will be focusing on this daily in class, but please also find the time to help your child to learn and consolidate these facts. Remember that they can use TT Rocks at home.

Children are expected to know all tables to 12x12 by the end of Year 4

Children who are able to recall their times tables facts are able to make links between a wider range of mathematical topics.

Art & DT

Our creative focus will be on looking at the winter landscapes of Pieter Breughel and other well-known artists. We will develop our skills using pastels to create our own winter landscapes.

Science

Our focus for this term is States of Matter. The children will conduct a range of investigations looking at changes of state and getting a better understanding of evaporation and condensation.

RE

Our religious focus this term will answer the question, “Why do people call Jesus the Light of the World?” We will be exploring this theme to allow us to personally reflect on the importance of the Christian message at this time of year.

MFL

The children will continue to develop their knowledge of some basic spoken and written French.

Geography

We we study weather patterns in the UK and use ICT to gather data about regional similarities and differences in the climate. We will provide our own answers as to why different regions have different weather patterns.

Music and PE

Miss Hughes from the Durham Music Service will teach the children music this term. The children will think about the way music can represent different types of winter weather.

In **P.E.** our unit will focus on Gymnastics which will encourage the children to develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. P.E. will take place every **Thursday**. We will be swimming every Monday.