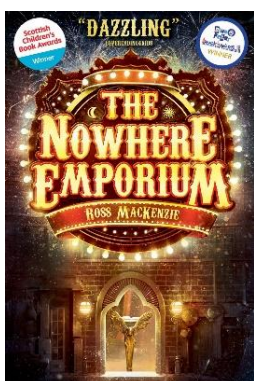




Welcome back to a new school year, a new start and a new Class 4. This half term is all about Geography and exploring the human and natural features of our world. Class 4's focus will be on the Lake District; we will be exploring more about this area of natural beauty, using maps to understand its unique features and plot routes and comparing it to other locations we may have visited. We will be investigating what makes this area special through research, asking questions and hope to visit the town of Staveley later this half term. **Please ensure your child is learning their Knowledge Organiser facts as there will be a regular weekly quiz.**



In English, we will be delving into the magical world of 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross McKenzie. This magical story explores the world through the eyes of Daniel, who meets the mysterious Mr Silver and his amazing emporium. We will be making predictions, exploring the characters and the way they must feel and devising our very own magical wonders. Later this half term we will be writing reports about our Lake District topic and exploring some of the poetry of Wordsworth. Our reading workshops will focus on key reading skills, exploring facts and opinions, skimming and scanning and retrieving information from both fiction and non-fiction texts. Ask the children about their 'Vocabulary Ninja' words of the day to encourage them to explain their understanding. Please allow time to discuss what children are reading at home and allowing the children to explain their understanding of what they have been reading.



We will continue to regularly send reading books home and aim to change these on a regular basis. We will expect ALL reading books to be in school every day as the start of our school day will always revolve around reading and setting a calm focused start to our learning. Please ensure that these home readers are in school every day as reading will place regularly in school, either with myself and Mrs Stocks or during the reading workshops.

In Maths the children will begin with a strong focus on place value and their understanding of number. They will be focusing on the use of decimals to the thousandth and relating these to tenths, hundredth and their equivalents. Every day we will be exploring mental and written strategies and exploring a range of methods to solve addition and subtraction problems.

In our R.E. lessons, the children will be learning about Islam and learning about how our lives are a journey and exploring the concept of duty and the decisions we make on our journey through life.

P.E. will take place on Friday afternoon. Please ensure that children have their PE kits in school on any day that they have PE. Please do not send your child in earrings on P.E. days as, even if they can be removed, there is always the worry that things will be lost! **This half term, Class 4 will be swimming so please ensure that you have your swimming kit, goggles and swimming hats on a Monday.**



Do not hesitate to contact me when needed.

Mr McGurk