

Dear Parents/Carers of children in Class 4,

Happy New Year everyone and thank you very much for all the cards, gifts and vouchers you sent to Mrs. Sizemore, Mrs. Campey and me. You're all very generous and it is really appreciated

Just a few bits of information to ease you into Class 4 for the spring term.

Activities and Class Topics

Literacy

In our Literacy lessons we will be reading and studying the book "Manfish" which is based on the life story of Jacques Cousteau, the famous naturalist and broadcaster.

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 practice for times tables.

History and Geography

In geography, we will be learning about France. We will start with its place in Europe, its cities and famous landmarks and its climate. We will also look at its physical geography and the variations in its regions. Of course we will be looking at its cuisine!

After half term our history theme is going to be based around a question: "Were books more valuable in the past?"

DT and Art

After completing our book covers for DT, we will be using the French impressionists as inspiration for our own paintings. This will allow us to focus on the French landscapes. Our next DT topic will be bridges.

Science

This half term we are looking at Earth and space. We will learn about the movements of the Sun, Earth and Moon. Understand how we have day and night and seasons. We will look at phases of the moon and investigate the planets in our solar system.

PE

Apologies for the confusion around swimming lessons this week. Swimming will resume next term for the whole class.

As before, your child will have PE on **Thursdays** and **Fridays** this term, so needs to have kit in school on these days; however it would be useful for your child to have a PE kit on their peg all week. Please make sure football kit is warm enough for this weather and remember to send a carrier bag for muddy boots. Our lessons this term will be gymnastics with Mrs. Campey and Football with Stockport FC.

Reading

Our current class book is "Rooftoppers" by Katherine Rundell, a great adventure story set in London and Paris. 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 PE, Maths, RE and IT.

RE

We will be diving into celebrations and special days across a range of religions. We will have opportunities to share our own experiences of religious celebrations and discuss the ways in which we celebrate differently.

Computing

We will begin the term looking into programming, we will be investigating a microbit programming tool to create code.

Following on from this after half term we will go on to programming music.

Homework

Once we have settled into school, 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 allotted day, 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. Each child will be given a homework diary this year and we ask you to check and sign it each week to let us know that the homework has been done.

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, back packs 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, though this is not a necessity, please limit the size of the case as large cases take up valuable room on the desks.

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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