



Class 4 Newsletter

Spring Term - 24/02/2017



This Week

In **English**, we commenced a new unit of non-fiction information writing. We analysed posters and identified the key features. Our end goal is to produce a scientific booklet about the human body; in particular about teeth. We have recapped the four main **Mathematical** operations through simple number sentences as well as single and multistep word problems. We started our **RE** quest thinking about trust, which will set us up for our unit on betrayal at Easter. We spent a **Science** lesson thinking about the brain. We learned that we can constantly change our intelligence through an attitude shift that focuses on believing that we can do anything. In **Art**, we represented the neurons in the brain through a pencil drawing applying skills we have learned. Our **PE** focus was the same, despite the fact we were not able to apply it outdoors (pesky rain!) We focussed on how to pass a ball using a chest pass and a bounce pass. In **Computing**, we have started a coding unit using the software Scratch. This is a free software if the children want to practise and have a go at creating their own games at home.

Next Week...

English: Extreme English

Maths: Position and direction (coordinates)

Science: Scientific drawing of teeth for our information booklet

RE: Exploring the concept of trust further

Homework & Talk Time

The children have some **spellings** that they need to practise. Year 4 have the **suffix -sion**; Year 5 have the **suffix -ant**.

The written homework are **crosswords** about our **teeth** and the **Six Nations** rugby tournament.

In light of **our discussion about the brain**, discuss with your children **how they can change their attitude to areas they may find difficult**. Ask them about the 'stretch zone'.

Important Dates

Mon 27th Feb: Crossword homework due in

Mon 27th: Extreme English week

Thurs 2nd Mar: Dress up for World Book Day

Thurs 2nd: Open Door from 3:15 to 3:45pm

Fri 3rd: Swimming for **Y4** children

Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **Hope** is **Tyler Troake**, for showing a change in attitude that demonstrates the hope of being the best he can be in his learning - in particular in Maths.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Alyssa Lyon-Hardiker** for working incredibly hard with her multiplication and division and seeing the rewards in the end result.

Outstanding Behaviour

We have had a good start to the new term. Some children have taken longer to settle back but have improved as the week has progressed. The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

Emilee, Freya, Oliver, Owen, Russell, Emily, Alex, Jessica, Jasmine
Jake B, Millie, Callum, Brenda, Hollie, Euan, Keira, Alyssa, Ruby, Stephen, Annie, Finnlay,
Tyler T, Tyler V, Adam, Isaac

Extreme English Week

As part of our Extreme English Week (commencing 27th February), we are having a '**Get Caught Reading**' challenge. We are encouraging the children to take a photo of themselves (or have a photo of them taken) reading in Extreme places.

Example: up a tree, on the washing machine, hanging upside down etc.

We are going to have a '**Book Swap**'. Please can children bring in an **appropriate good quality, good condition book** which can then be swapped with others that have been brought in by other children in school.

Thursday 2nd March - Dress up in honour of World Book Day (your favourite fiction character - the children know about suitable costumes - please support our Christian ethos and keep outfits appropriate).

As always, you can come and talk to me about your child's progress either at the end of school, or you can arrange an appointment.

Due to changes in staff planning time, my Open Door HAS CHANGED and is now on Thursday afternoons from 3:15-3:45pm.

Mr Bateman

