



Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term - 18/11/2016



This Week

This week in **English**, our focus has been on the punctuation needed for instruction and explanation writing. We learned how to use semi-colons, colons and brackets accurately. Our **Maths** focus was on prime numbers and factors; applying our knowledge of them through challenges. In **RE**, we created pieces of artwork based on what the Bible says about itself. In **PE**, we started our unit of dance linking in with **Music**. We used the 'BBC 10 Pieces' as inspiration, in particular the Anna Meredith piece called 'Connect It' that uses the body to create music. We continued with regular practise for **Sing Together**, we are becoming more confident with the words and melody and are having more of a focus on breathing techniques to best project while singing.

Next Week...

English: Comprehension skills

Maths: Maths Week Challenges

Science: Circuits 2

RE: The theme of 'Light' at Christmas (looking at Judaism and Hanukah)

Homework

The children have some **spellings** that they need to practise. The **Year 4** focus is **double consonants**. The **Year 5** focus is the **letter string ough**. Their spelling sheet needs to be returned by Monday.

Regular **times tables** practise is always beneficial as this helps them in all areas of their Maths.

The written homework is a Maths focus on **factors** - embedding work done this week.

Important Dates

Mon 21st Nov: Maths factor homework and spellings due in

Tue 22nd Nov: **Parents' Evening from 3:30-5pm and 6-7pm**

Fri 25th Nov: Swimming for Y5 children

Wed 30th Nov: Christmas shop

Mon 5th Dec: Pantomime visit

Wed 7th Dec: KS2 Christmas Cinema from 3:15 to 5:30pm

Important Dates cont.

Tue 13th Dec: KS2 Christmas Production at 6pm (featuring the Christmas Choir)

Tue 20th Dec: KS2 Christmas party and Christmas dinner

Wed 21st Dec: Schools close at 2pm

Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **Compassion** is for **Russell Kashiri** as he always is willing to care for and put others' needs before his own.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Jake Bennett** for excellent work in calculating prime factors of numbers. He definitely went the Extra Mile

Star Writer: **Tyler Troake**

Outstanding Behaviour

We have had a good start to the new half term in Class 4. The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

Emilee, Freya, Oliver, Owen, Russell, Emily, Alfie, Jessica, Jasmine, Jake B, Millie, Brenda, Callum, Hollie, Jake K, Keira, Alyssa, Ruby, Aimee, Lewis, Annie, Nicola, Finnlay, Tyler T, Adam, Isaac

The children's spellings need to be practised 3 times each. This works best as a supervised activity so you can check whether or not they are being honest and aren't simply copying their spellings rather than learning them. Their practise sheet needs to be returned every Monday morning along with their homework.

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

Mr Bateman