



Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term - 09/09/2016



This Week/Term

We started the term by discussing how we can help each other learn. We reflected on the class rules we wanted and put our **British Values** into practice by democratically choosing the ones we feel will create a positive learning environment. In **Maths**, we have started looking at **place value**; exploring the values of digits once we have "Split up numbers to show their real numbers". In **English** we **wrote an account** of an event in our holidays. We then took this a step further and edited our work. This will be a particular focus this year as we want to always be improving our work. In **Science**, we started our **Electricity** topic by thinking through how we can be safe using electricity in the home and why it is important to be safe. In **Art & RE**, we have applied our **Maths** knowledge and tried to use tessellation to create a representation of where Christians worship God. We discussed that Christians worship God in a church and in our hearts. We created a Maths themed Art & RE **display** in the corridor outside our classroom to show our discussions. In **Computing**, at the start of the new year, we thought about how we can be safe using the Internet. We created some **e-Safety** posters giving friendly, helpful and sometimes challenging advice.

Next Week...

English: Fantasy genre writing using 'The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe' as inspiration

Maths: Place Value

Science: Sources of electricity

RE: Are all churches the same?

Homework

The children have some **spellings** that they need to practise. The focus is on **months of the year**.

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

The written homework is extending their **place value** knowledge. The focus is on ordering numbers and identifying greater and less than certain values.

Important Dates

Sun 11th Sept: Education Sunday @ St Christopher's Church

Mon 12th Sept: Maths homework due in

Wed 14th Sept: e-Safety session for parents @ 6pm

Fri 16th Sept: Swimming for Y5 children

Wed 21st September @ 6pm Welcome meeting for Class 4 parents

Wed 28th Sept: Writing and Reading session for parents @ 6pm

Rise and Shine Award

Rather than having our usual Stars of the Week, as part of our Rise and Shine service on Friday, one child per class is being awarded with a medal for shining particularly brightly at the start of the new year.

In Class 4, the child is **Euan Hopkins** because of his positive attitude to learning; for being compassionate in helping others getting settled; and for providing some helpful advice in our learning.

Star Writer: **Finnlay Taylor**

Outstanding Behaviour

There was a fantastic positive feeling throughout school last year as a result of our weather behaviour system and in Class 4 we have had a superb start to the new academic year. Let's keep it up! The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

Emilee, Freya, Oliver, Owen, Russell, Jessica, Jasmine, Millie, Callum, Brenda, Hollie, Euan, Jake K, Keira, Alyssa, Nicola, Finnlay, Tyler T, Adam

Times Tables Awards

We are encouraging Class 4 to master their times tables. They can earn different certificates each time they complete a different times table activity. If they can say the times tables in order they receive a Bronze award; answer random multiplication questions earns them Silver; and answering random division questions earns them Gold.

The children that have earned their certificates this week are:

Bronze: Freya (10), Oliver (7), Emily (10), Alex (10), Jessica (10), Euan (10), Finnlay (7, 10, 12)

Silver: Oliver (7), Emily (10), Alex (10), Finnlay (10)

Gold: Emily (10)

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.

Mr Bateman