



Class 4 Newsletter

Spring Term - 21/04/2017



This Week

Our Theme for this term is '**Water, Water Everywhere!**' To start the term in **English**, we have focussed on poetry. We have created verbs to describe how water can move. We also have analysed 4 different poetry structures. In **Maths**, we have focussed on Place Value, with a particular emphasis on negative numbers (not minus numbers!). In **Science**, we have begun our unit on States of Matter. We had an awful lot of fun with corn flour and water. We learned that it behaves like a liquid and a solid because it is a non-Newtonian liquid - if it filled a swimming pool, you could run on it! In **RE**, we have started our unit on prayer. We have had an initial think about this area and will focus more on this in future weeks. In **History**, we have explored the early civilization in the Indus Valley. We have understood how they came to rely upon the Indus river. During athletics in **PE**, we have set a personal best with regards to completing circuits of the running track. We have also started focussing on a strong technique for throwing. We are still attempting to accurately code the game for playing 'Bat & Ball'. Our **Coding** skills are being pushed to the limit.

Next Week...

English: Poetry; write our own Haiku, edit and perform

Maths: Multiplying and dividing by powers of 10; applying in contexts of units of measure

Science: Continuation of trying to classify solids, liquids and gases

RE: Thinking about our relationship with God through prayer

History: Researching 3 early civilizations that relied upon water

Homework

Homework will now be given on Mondays and due in on the following Monday.

The written homework is a consolidation of **negative numbers** as well as a **grammar activity** (either determiners or modal verbs).

The children have some **spellings** that they need to practise. Year 4 have the **suffix -ous**. Year 5 have '**g says j**'.

Important Dates

Mon 24th Apr: English & Maths homework given; spellings given;

Thur 27th Apr: Open Door from 3:15 to 3:45pm

Fri 28th Apr: Swimming for Y5 children

Mon 31st Apr: Homework due in; Spelling test

Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **Peace** is **Emilee Brooke**, for maintaining a peaceful attitude to work even amidst distractions.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Jasmine Violet** for superb hypothesising in Science during our corn flour demonstration.

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, Jessica, Alfie, Jasmine
Jake B, Millie, Callum, Brenda, Jake K, Keira, Alyssa, Aimee, Ruby, Lewis, Finnlay, Tyler T,
Tyler V, Adam, Isaac

Class 4 Summer Targets

Reading

Infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justify inferences with evidence.

Writing

Y4 - Use apostrophes for singular and plural possession.

Y5 - Use devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs.

Maths

Solve one and two-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use.

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.

My Open Door is on Thursdays from 3:15-3:45pm

Mr Bateman