

# Class 4 Newsletter

## Spring Term - 12/01/2018



### This Week

Happy New Year! I hope you've all enjoyed a wonderful (and hopefully relaxing) Christmas holiday.

Our **Theme** for this half term is the '**Amazing Amazon Adventure**'. In **English**, we have started a new genre looking at non-chronological reports. This week we have got to grips with the genre, looking at the features and understanding how you can retrieve information easily. In **Maths**, the start of a term means we have moved onto place value. We have been exploring sequences and negative numbers (not minus numbers...) This has been brand new learning for some and we have made fantastic progress. In **Science**, we started our unit on 'Living Things in Their Habitats' by exploring the life cycles of three animal classes - mammals, reptiles and amphibians. We discovered that mammals are quite unique in how they give birth to their young. In **RE**, we began our unit on 'Jesus, the Son of God'; being amazing at his power over nature (in commanding a storm to be calm, and by walking on water) and by his power at reversing death in raising Lazarus from his tomb. In **Geography**, before we get down to the nitty-gritty of exploring the Amazon river, we found out as much Locational knowledge as we could about the country of Brazil. Did you know that of the other 12 countries in South America, only 2 of them don't have a border with Brazil?! In **Art**, we looked at the life of Henri Rousseau (our focus artist and inspiration for our work this half term). In **PE**, the Year 4 children began their unit on dance, seeking to travel in particular ways to fit with different characters. The Year 5 children also went **swimming**.

### Next Week...

**English:** Beginning to create our non-chronological reports about the Amazon

**Maths:** Place Value (Roman Numerals & decimal work)

**Science:** Life cycles of plants

**RE:** Delving Deeper into Jesus' divinity shown on Earth

**Geography:** The Amazon River

### Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 6** who have earned a non-uniform day for having the best attendance in the second half term with 97.64%

If you arrive to school late after the register closes at 9:05am then that is marked down as an unauthorised absence as are any absences where you haven't informed school of a reason.

If your child is attending school but you may be late, please contact the office.

### Important Dates

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> Homework due in (please see overleaf for details)

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: **OPEN DOOR**

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: Dance Club for Y3-6 3:30-4:30

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan: **Swimming for Year 5 children**

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan: PTA Quiz Night at Lea Club starting at 6pm

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 5/6 Residential Visit to Borwick Hall  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Half term holiday  
Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018: Sing Together Concert at King George's Hall, Blackburn

## Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **CREATIVITY** goes to **Oliver Emptage** for his presentation of his information about Brazil.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Jessica Raddings** for a positive start to the new term.

Star Writer: **Oliver Emptage**

## Outstanding Behaviour

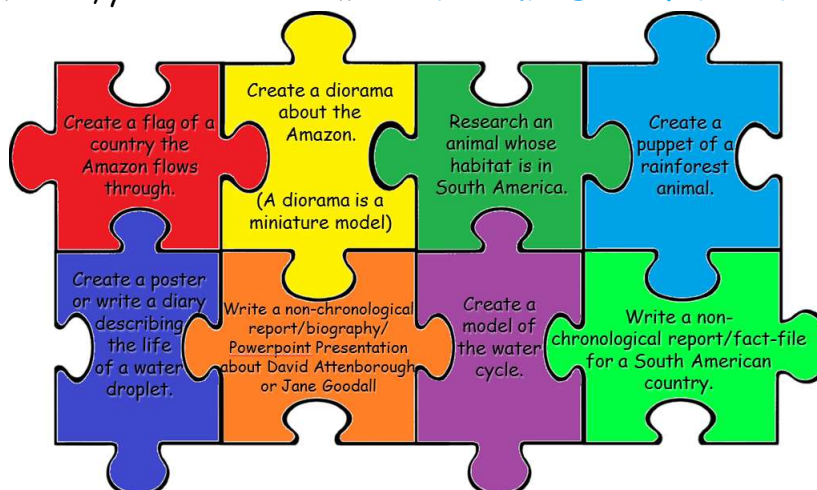
We have had a good start to the new year. We all settled down quickly to the school routine and I hope this will continue. The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

Libby B, Dylan, Cayden, Keinan, Logan, Libby P, Natasha, Daniel, Connor, Jaidon

Emilee, Theo, Rubie, Owen, Freya, Oliver, Natalia, Russell, Emily K, Kaitlyn, Harrison, Jessica, Alfie, Shane, Jorja, Jasmine, Lilly-Mae

## Homework

Each week, choose one of these activities to complete as your homework. **You can choose which activity to complete.** Unfortunately, you can't complete the same activity twice. Any questions about homework, you can contact me on [d.bateman@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:d.bateman@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk)



As always, you can talk to me about your child's progress. My Open Door is on Wednesday from 3:15-4:00pm.

*Mr Bateman*