



# Class 4 Newsletter

## Autumn Term - 24/11/2017



### This Week

In **English**, we have kicked on with the genre of newspaper recounts, looking at many different grammatical features. We have explored verb agreements, past tense, modal verbs and quotes (using speech punctuation). We are becoming more confident when using these features accurately and this will hopefully have a positive impact on their independent writing at the end of the genre. In **Maths**, we have continued with written methods, this time for division. We have looked at two methods, and are deciding which method works best for us. We will be applying our understanding of this operation next week in 'real world' situations. In **Science**; we had to tweak the experiment we planned due to complications with how to make the experiment fair (following some research about how to conduct the experiment). We explored the stretchiness of different materials, seeking to find the best costume for Elastigirl - from 'The Incredibles'. In **RE**, we continued to explore the biblical accounts of Christmas and gave our opinions of different aspects of them. In **Topic (a combination of History and Geography)**, we were introduced to Christopher Wren and discovered his significance with regards to the Great Fire of London. We wrote a Limerick about him, with varying degrees of humour. In **PE**, we continued to focus on our balance, this time while dismounting from apparatus. We were seeking to control our balance following a pike jump. The Year 5 children also went swimming. In **Art**, we focussed on creating detail using smaller brushed rather than using large, wide brush strokes.

### Next Week...

**English:** Beginning to write our own newspaper articles

**Maths:** Written Multiplication and Division - application in 'real world' situations

**Y4 Science:** Exploring the properties of different materials (focus on friction)

**RE:** The Christmas story from the Bible

**History/DT:** Beginning the DT process for creating our own St Paul's Cathedrals

### Homework

The written homework is a **grammar activity** based on **modal verbs**. We have covered these verbs this week and this is a consolidation activity. The children may answer on the sheet.

Ongoing practise of the statutory word lists will always be beneficial.

### Important Dates

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov:** English homework due in

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov:** OPEN DOOR

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Swimming for Y5 children

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Pantomime visit to Aladdin

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Fayre from 3:30 – 5:00pm

Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS2 Christmas Production at 6pm

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS2 Christmas party and Christmas dinner

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS1 Christmas Production at 2pm and 6pm

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 **TRUTHFULNESS** is **Theo Collinson** for his understanding of truth in the justice system.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Cayden Essien** and **Owen Ekins** for some super division work as a pair.

Star Writer: **Kaitlyn Marsden**

### Outstanding Behaviour

We have had continued our positive start to the new school year. The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

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

Emilee, Theo, Rubie, Owen, Freya, Oliver, Natalia, Emily H, Russell, Emily K, Alex, Kaitlyn, Max, Alfie, Shane, Jorja, Jasmine, Lilly-Mae

### Experiences of other Cultures

If your family experiences a different culture (whether through holiday, friends from another culture etc.) please could you take a photograph of your child and send it into school. We want to celebrate different cultures!

It could be as obvious as visiting a German Christmas market.

**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 Wednesday from 3:15-4:00pm.**

*Mr Bateman*