



Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term - 22/09/2017



This Week

Our Theme for this term is '**The Great Plague**'.

In **English**, we have delved deeper into the genre of fairy tales, creating character descriptions for our antagonists as well as setting the scene for our own stories. Grammatically, we have focussed on noun phrases, fronted adverbials for 'where' and speech. In **Maths**, our focus has shifted from place value to addition and subtraction. We have been quick to start to apply our knowledge in various challenges. It has been good to see children not just 'going through the motions' but thinking about how to tackle the challenges before them. In **Science**, the Year 4s applied their knowledge of temperature in a real-world situation giving advice to a café owner to help keep his hot drinks hot and cold drinks cold. The Year 5s (at ACSC) used Bunsen burners again to separate water from ink this time. We had to monitor our boiling levels so that we didn't try and evaporate ink too! In **RE**, we explored the story of the Unforgiving Servant and represented this through drama and a modern retelling. It is fitting that we have quested through this parable given our weekly theme. In **Geography**, we continued to explore atlases and learned how to read a variety of maps. This will set us up as we begin to look at maps from different time periods.

Next Week...

English: Beginning to write our own fairy tales

Maths: Addition and subtraction using inverse

Y4 Science: A practical investigation based on the previous 2 weeks science

Y5 Science: A mystery experiment!

RE: Focus on the parable of the sower

History: Creating an understanding of chronology and a timeline of the past

Homework

The written homework is a **fronted adverbial grammar** activity. This consolidates the work we've done this week. This is an opportunity for the children to go the Extra Mile too with this work. This work needs to be completed in their Homework books.

Please ensure the children are familiarising themselves with **statutory word lists** (these are words that the government expect children to spell at the end of their year group).

Important Dates

Mon 25th Sep: Grammar homework due in

Wed 27th Sep: OPEN DOOR

Wed 27th Sep: Y5 at ACSC for Science and DT

Thur 28th Sep: Lea Endowed Music Extravaganza at 2pm and 6pm (tea and cake available before the celebrations at 1:30pm and 5:30pm - 50p each)

Fri 29th Sep: Swimming for Y5 children

Sun 8th Oct: Harvest Service at St Christopher's Church

Thur 16th Nov: Parents' Evening

Thur 8th Mar 2018: Sing Together Concert at King George's Hall, Blackburn

Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **FORGIVENESS** is **Lilly-Mae Whalley** for being very forgiving of others when they asked for forgiveness.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Emily Kilbane** for her attitude, determination and reasoning skills in Maths.

Star Writer: Natasha Ramsay

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, Logan, Libby P, Natasha, Connor

Emilee, Rubie, Owen, Freya, Oliver, Natalia, Emily H, Russell, Emily K, Max, Harrison, Alfie, Shane, Jasmine, Lilly-Mae

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 Wednesdays from 3:15-4:00pm

Mr Bateman