

Class 4 Newsletter

Summer Term - 20/04/2018



# This Week

Our Theme for this half term is the 'This Little Light of Mine'. We have also enjoyed our Extreme English week. We digressed from our focus on the Midnight Fox to explore English in other ventures. We created cryptic character description of fairy tale characters then played a game of Guess Who? We have created a crossword based on all things fairy tale; we wrote our answers, created a blank answer sheet; and wrote clues. We enjoyed a treasure hunt all about a wide range of books from 'The Gruffalo' to 'The Secret Seven' to 'The Hobbit'. We also had a fantastic visit from Sally-Anne from the Library Service. We explored a variety of books including 'They Came from Planet Zabalooloo!' We had a wonderful carousel on Thursday where had sessions with Mr B, Mrs Bolton and Miss Morris (made all the more fun as we were dressed up!) We also wrote a book review of our favourite novel we only had 100 words to write it, no more, no less! In Maths, our focus has expanded to percentages too. We have identified equivalences between fractions, decimals and percentages. In History, linking in with our Extreme English week, we wrote using Anglo Saxon runes. We all wrote Mr Bateman a message that he had to translate (some very strange comments about PNE though...)

### Next Week...

English: The Midnight Fox Maths: Decimals, fractions, percentages Science: Exploring of the concept of light RE: Thinking about the local church History: What was life like in Anglo Saxon times?

# **Book Fayre**

Thank you so much for your support of the Book Fair. We have been blown away at the children's desire to buy and read new books that they may not have read otherwise. In total we have raised £775, which thanks to Travelling Books means that as a school we are able to invest £399 in books for school.

### **Important Dates**

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr: Shorter Weekly Project Homework 2 due in

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Apr: Open Door from 3:15-4:00pm

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Apr: Swimming for Y4 children

## Stars of the Week

The **READING** award goes to **Russell Kashiri** for his commitment to the challenge of reading a whole book every night.

The WRITING award goes to Emily Kilbane for overall effort across all writing opportunities.

The WRITING award goes to Keinan Markar for shining across all of the various writing opportunities we've had this week.

The Guess Who? Award: Connor Seddon

The Crossword Award: Keinan Markar

The Anglo Saxon Award: Owen Ekins

The Treasure Hunt Award: Alfie Richards and Oliver Emptage

The 100 Word Book Review Award:

## **Outstanding Behaviour**

We have good start from the majority of children. 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 Emilee, Theo, Rubie, Owen, Freya, Oliver, Natalia, Emily H, Russell, Emily K, Alex, Kaitlyn, Harrison, Jessica, Alfie, Shane, Jorja, Jasmine, Lilly-Mae

#### Fortnite

It has come to my attention that many children in Class 4 are playing the game Fortnite. I find this concerning for two reasons: the first is that the **minimum age to play this game is aged 1**2. I have included some screenshots from the AppStore to show why this game is rated as it is; the second reason is that the children are openly discussing this game, what it entails, when they're playing it, what they're going to do next to the detriment of their learning. Conversations in almost every lesson are turning to discussing Fortnite and I am concerned that it is hampering their progress as they are not focussed on this game rather than their learning.



## Homework (Shorter Weekly Projects)

Each week, choose one of these activities to complete as your homework. You can choose which activity to complete. Each homework is due in on the Monday of each new week. Unfortunately, you can't complete the same activity twice. Any questions about homework, you can contact me on



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

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