



# Class 4 Newsletter

## Autumn Term - 06/10/2017



### This Week

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

In **English**, we have moved onto a narrative poetry genre - in particular looking at the classic poem by TS Elliot 'Macavity'. We have enjoyed getting our teeth into this adorable poem and how it has been modernised using the musical Cats. We have been expanding our vocabulary as well as our understanding of words in context. In **Maths**, we have been focussing on time. This has involved reading analogue clocks as well as converting between analogue and digital time. We have grappled with what could have been a tricky topic. We have been willing to challenge ourselves and stepping outside our comfort zone. In **Science**; the Year 4's carried out the experiment they planned last week, investigating how they could insulate disposable cups of coffee. The Year 5's (at ACSC) explored the forces of upthrust and friction. We were amazed at the effect water can have on the 'weight' of an object. In **RE**, we continued to explore the teachings of Jesus. The parable we explored was the Parable of the Sower. We added watercolour to the pencil sketches we created last week. In **History**, we developed the timeline we familiarised ourselves with last week as we showed we knew why different actions or phrases represented different eras. In **PE**, we applied the passing skills we have acquired in a 'competitive' game focussing on our movement without the ball. In **Art**, linking in with Harvest, we created African prints of the Baobab tree (the African "tree of life").

### Next Week...

**English:** Continuation of narrative poetry. Leading up to a performance of Macavity.

**Maths:** Time (digital, conversion and timetables)

**Y4 Science:** Research and investigation into the preservation of heat.

**Y5 Science:** Microbes

**RE:** Exploration of how Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God through parables

**History:** Understanding of the impact of the Great Fire of London on Stewart London

### Homework

The written homework is a **grammar activity on expanded noun phrases** activity. This has been a regular grammar focus in class over the past few weeks. The children need to complete this in their books.

They also have an extended Harvest project. They need to **create a digital poster about how Harvest is celebrated** in different countries in the world. This can either be printed and brought in or emailed to :

[d.bateman@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:d.bateman@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk)

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

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Harvest Service at St Christopher's Church @ 9:30am

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: English expanded noun phrase homework due in

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Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: My Birthday! Wahoo!!

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y5 at ACSC for Science and DT

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct: Swimming for Y5 children

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct: Multi-Cultural Harvest project homework due in

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: Break up at 3:15pm for Half-Term

Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parents' Evening

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 **THANKFULNESS** is **Russell Kashiri** for being grateful for things we often could take for granted.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Owen Ekins** for some excellent application of his History chronology.

Star Writer: Alfie Richards

## 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, Daniel, Connor, Jaidon

Emilee, Rubie, Owen, Freya, Oliver, Emily H, Russell, Emily K, Alex, Kaitlyn, Max, Alfie, Shane, Jorja, 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 **MONDAY** from 3:15-4:00pm as I'm on a course next Wednesday.

*Mr Bateman*