



## Class 4 Newsletter

Summer Term - 13/04/2018



### This Week

Our **Theme** for this half term is the 'This Little Light of Mine'. This links in with our **Science**, our focus this week being on exploring the concept of light - what it is, how it travels and how it behaves. In **English**, we have begun a half term focus using the Betsy Byars novel 'The Midnight Fox' as source material. We have focussed on the first three chapters this week, understanding vocabulary in context, using thesauruses to expand our vocabulary, punctuating speech from the novel and empathising with how the protagonists might have been feeling at the opening of the novel. In **Maths**, our focus has been on decimal numbers; partitioning them; ordering them; counting in them; and rounding them. In **RE**, our new unit on the Church began with researching what Christian churches look like all around the world; as well as Muslim mosques and Jewish synagogues. In **History**, due to our focus on the Anglo Saxon occupation of Britain, we used digital maps to locate the country of Denmark, then used atlases to identify Saxon settlements in Britain (we used parts of words to help us identify - "burh or borough" means town!) In **PE**, we set some personal bests with athletic activities such as running and throwing. Each week, we will strive to beat our best scores and times. The Year 5 applied their passing and moving skills and the Year 4 children went **swimming**. In **Computing**, we investigated the legality of using Social Media as primary aged children.

### Next Week...

**English:** Extreme English

**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 Fair

The Book Fair is here until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April. You are able to purchase books from it in person (daily in Class 5 from 3:20-3:40pm) or, if you are unable to attend, you may order a book. If you order a book, you need to give your name, the book you want, and the payment to Mrs Bolton.

### Extreme English Week

Next week, for the whole week we are having our Extreme English Week. We will be participating in a wide variety of activities separate from our English genre work (this will be put on hold for the week). There are many school wide things happening: We have the Book Fair (see above for more details); there is the Book Cover competition; on Thursday, we are having a dress up day as a literary character. We politely ask that you respect the Christian Values of our school - appropriate costumes, please!

### Important Dates

**Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Apr - Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Apr: Book Fair from 3:20-3:40 daily**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Apr: Extreme English Book Cover competition deadline**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Apr: Shorter Weekly Project Homework 1 due in**

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Apr: Open Door from 3:15-4:00pm**

**Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Apr: Dress up day for Extreme English Week**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Apr: Swimming for Y4 children**

## Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **HOPE** goes to **Jessica Raddings** for her hugely positive attitude to school life, which has given us all hope.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Oliver Emptage** for his superb attitude applying his geographical skills to locate Anglo Saxon settlements in Britain.

## Outstanding Behaviour

We have had a good start from the majority of children.

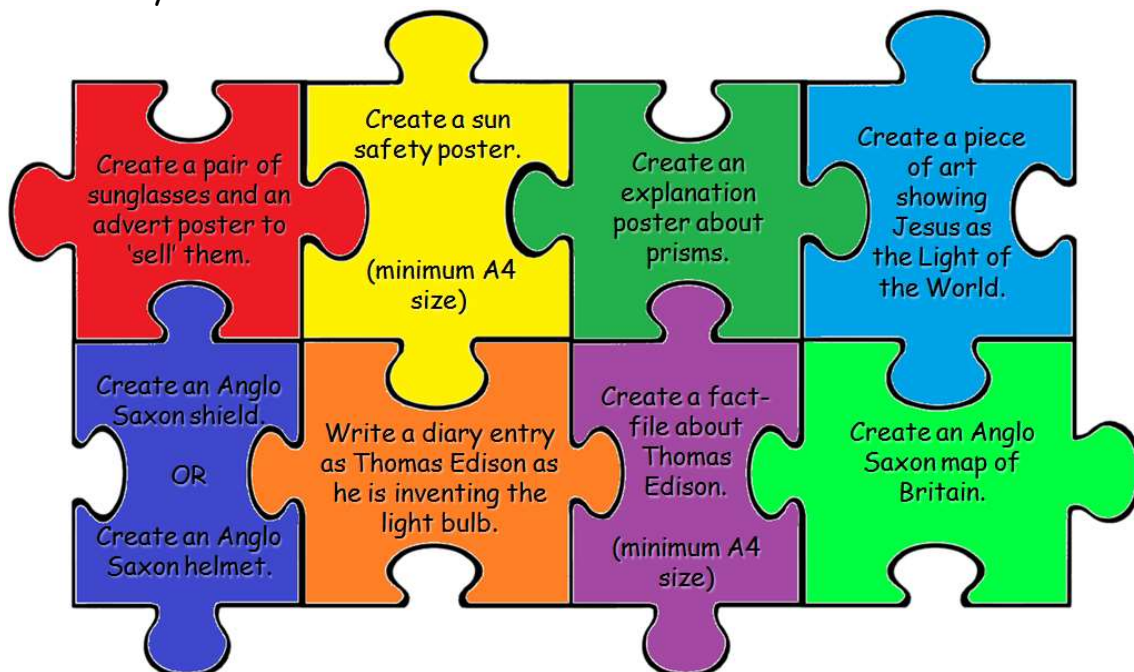
Some of the Year 5 boys need to remember how to 'play' and follow our rules in order to make sure ALL children in school enjoy their break-times and lunch-times.

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, Freya, Oliver, Natalia, Emily H, Emily K, Alex, Kaitlyn, Max, Jessica, Alfie, Shane, Jorja, Jasmine, Lilly-Mae**

## 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 [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*