



# Class 4 Newsletter

## Autumn Term - 08/09/2017



### This Week

Welcome back!

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

We have had a brilliant start to the new school year. The children have settled back into the school routines well and have adapted to a different style of teacher (for some) and got back into the groove (for others). We have done quite a bit of PSHE this week, talking through the kind of learning environment we want to have and whether to have a fixed mindset or a growth mindset. We discussed the rights we have as learners; the non-negotiable behaviour standards we expect; as well as creating some other rules to help everyone shine in Class 4. The genre in **English** is fairy tales. We have been exploring the tale of the Pied Piper of Hamelin, reading the text, identifying unknown vocabulary, and hot-seating different characters. We are beginning to understand the flow of the story really well. In **Maths**, our first focus has been Place Value. This underpins all mathematical learning and so far the children have really sought to excel in this area. In **Science**; the Year 4s started a unit of the properties of materials and explored the stretchiness of certain materials. The Year 5s started an 8-week, once-a-week visit to Ashton Community Science College for some **Science**; this week we looked at the organs of the human body (well, sheep organs - but ask your children about it!) In **RE**, we wrote some very thoughtful and thankful Lunchtime and End-of-the-Day prayers. This will be made available on our Class page on the school website so you can see them. In **PE**, we practised communicating non-verbally to work as a team. The Year 5 children also went swimming. In **Art**, we have been recapping the colour wheel, blending different colours - a skill that will set us up for the coming year really well.

### Next Week...

**English:** Exploring the grammatical features of fairy tale writing

**Maths:** Place Value (including decimals)

**Y4 Science:** Exploration of Thermos flasks

**Y5 Science:** Something with Bunsen burners...

**RE:** Exploration of the idea of Jesus being a teacher

**Geography:** Understanding our location in the UK

### Homework

The written homework is an **English reading comprehension**. This gets the children into the pattern of reading a text and understanding it through questioning.

The children won't have **spellings** sent home for tests as in previous years. Instead, we are sending home **statutory word lists**. These are words that the government expect children to spell at the end of their year group.

### Important Dates

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Sep:** English comprehension homework due in

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sep: Y5 at ACSC for Science and DT

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sep: Open Door from 3:15 to 4pm

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sep: Swimming for Y5 children

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Sep: Lea Endowed Music Extravaganza at 1:45pm and 6pm

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

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 **Connor Seddon** for having excellent manners and it being so obvious that he has a thankful and happy heart.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Kaitlyn Marsden** for knuckling down and getting on with her Maths straight from the word "Go!"

Star Writer: Oliver Dootson

### Outstanding Behaviour

We have had a good start to the new school year. Occasionally it has taken some time for the children to settle for an activity but it has been few and far between. 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, Theo, Rubie, Owen, Freya, Oliver, Natalia, Emily H, Russell, Emily K, Kaitlyn, Max, Harrison, Alfie, Shane, Jasmine, Lilly-Mae

**Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the welcome meeting on Wednesday. The notes from that meeting should be available on our Class 4 imminently (if not already!)**

**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*