



Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term - 30/09/2016



This Week

In **Maths**, we moved to a new area in addition and subtraction. We warmed up at the start of the week using iPads and progressed to answering multi-step word problems involving money. In **English**, we started having a focus on using fronted adverbials, but it became apparent that we need to improve in the accuracy in our speech punctuation, so we changed our focus. We wrote a super paragraph blending speech and action. In **Science**, we researched significant scientists with regards to electricity and wrote a non-chronological report outlining their contribution. In **RE**, we visited St Christopher's church to see how the church building helps the church family worship God. In **Computing**, we carried on with the very important topic of **e-Safety**, finishing our PowerPoints - making them exciting and eye-catching using animations. In **PE**, we continued with improving our **hockey** skills through dribbling and controlling the ball using only the flat side of the stick. We began rehearsing for the **Sing Together** 2017 concert. We will be representing our school in this musical bonanza.

Next Week...

English: Fantasy genre writing using 'The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe' as inspiration. Developing the use of fronted adverbials.

Maths: Addition and subtraction (Using and applying)

Science: The history of electricity

RE: The church around the world

Homework

The children have some **spellings** that they need to practise. The **Year 4** focus is the **suffix-ily**. The **Year 5** focus is **ei after c**.

Regular **times tables** practise is always beneficial as this helps them in all areas of their Maths.

The written homework is on **Mathletics** with a focus of addition and subtraction. Their challenge is to earn at least a Bronze certificate.

Important Dates

Mon 3rd Oct: Mathletics homework due in (You can either print the certificates at home and return them to school or I can print their Bronze certificates at school)

Fri 7th Oct: Swimming for Y5 children

Sun 9th Oct: Harvest Service @ St Christopher's Church at 10am - all welcome

Thurs 20th Oct: Open Evening for prospective parents

Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **Hope** is **Russell Kashiri**, for articulating clearly the hope we have because of Jesus' death on the cross.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Oliver Dootson** for outstanding problem solving skills on the road to mastering addition and subtraction.

Star Writer: **Emily Kilbane**

Congratulations to **Stephen, Emily, Keira, Lewis, Ruby** and **Alyssa** on earning their **pen license**.

Outstanding Behaviour

We have continued to have a brilliant start to the academic year in Class 4. The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

Emilee, Freya, Oliver, Owen, Russell, Emily, Jessica, Jake B, Millie, Brenda, Hollie, Jake K, Keira, Alyssa, Aimee, Ruby, Lewis, Annie, Nicola, Finnlay, Tyler T, Tyler V, Adam W

Times Tables Awards

We are encouraging Class 4 to master their times tables. They can earn different certificates each time they complete a different times table activity. If they can say the times tables in order they receive a Bronze award; answer random multiplication questions earns them Silver; and answering random division questions earns them Gold.

The children that have earned their certificates this week are:

Bronze: Emilee (10, 11), Freya, (11) Oliver (8, 11), Owen (3, 10), Russell (5, 7, 9), Emily (2), Jasmine (5), Jake B (9), Millie (10, 11), Callum (5), Hollie (6), Alyssa (10), Stephen (2, 5), Tyler T (9)

Silver: Emilee (2, 10), Freya (2), Oliver (8, 11, 12), Russell (5), Emily (2), Jasmine (5), Jake B (9), Stephen (5)

Gold: Freya (2), Oliver (8, 12), Russell (5), Jasmine (10)

As always, you can come and talk to me about your child's progress either at the end of school, or through an arranged appointment.

Mr Bateman