



Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term - 20/10/2017



This Week

In **English**, we adapted the original TS Elliot poem, Macavity, describing the fictional character Puss in Boots. We have kept the original structure of Macavity, but have altered all the details. Some of us even went the Extra Mile and attempted to make our description rhyme. Grammatically, we have begun to have a deeper focus on fronted adverbials. In **Maths**, we have investigated various different elements of Shape and Space. This has involved exploring angles (not angels!), lines of symmetry, parallel and perpendicular lines, culminating in a classification activity, identifying 2D shapes by their properties. In **Science**, the Year 4s carried out the investigation they planned last week.

Unfortunately, it didn't go to plan, but we have many ways to try and ensure it would work in the future. The Year 5s (at ACSC) continued with their focus on microbes and micro-organisms. We explored the results of our swabbing on agar plates. We then experimented with yeast and explored how that micro-organism grows. We also had fun with some 'Cuddly Bugs'. Some of us had Polio, some had Athlete's Foot, and some even had Ebola. In **RE**, we investigated how Jesus' teaching has impacted on people's lives. We noted how his teaching should impact on how Christians behave. In **Topic (a combination of History and Geography)**, following our research into London, before and during the Great Fire of London, we have begun to compare how London was different during the Stewart era in comparison to the modern day.

Next Week...

English: A grammar focus on the beginnings of sentences.

Maths: Shape & Space

Y4 Science: Implementation of the plan for insulating cold items (Take 2!)

Y5 Science: A surprise...

RE: How does Jesus' teaching impact others?

History: Understanding how London adapted following the Great Fire of London.

Homework

The written homework is a **reading comprehension activity**, both of which are historical. The children need to complete this in their books.

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

Mon 23rd Oct: English comprehension homework due in

Wed 18th Oct: Y5 at ACSC for Science and PE

Wed 25th Oct: OPEN DOOR

Fri 27th Oct: Non-uniform day. £1 donation towards supporting the work of the PTA.

Fri 27th Oct: Swimming for Y5 children

Fri 27th Oct: Break up at 3:15pm for Half-Term

Thur 16th Nov: Parents' Evening

Thur 8th Mar 2018: Sing Together Concert at King George's Hall, Blackburn

Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **PEACE** is **Cayden Essien**, someone who constantly remains peaceful as he gets on with his work (even if others around him aren't).

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Jaidon Vickers** for some excellent Shape and Space work in Maths.

Star Writer: **Connor Seddon**

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, Theo, Rubie, Owen, Freya, Oliver, Natalia, Emily H, Russell, Emily K, Alex, Kaitlyn, Max, Harrison, Alfie, Shane, Jorja, Jasmine, Lilly-Mae

Christmas Dates

I understand that this is exceedingly early, but here are the significant dates for some Christmas events, so they can be in your diary, and so that the children won't miss them.

Fri 8th Dec: Pantomime visit to Aladdin.

Tue 12th Dec: Christmas Fayre from 3:30 - 5:00pm

Thur 14th Dec: KS2 Christmas Production at 6pm

Mon 18th Dec: KS2 Christmas party and Christmas dinner

Tues 19th Dec: KS1 Christmas Production at 2pm and 6pm

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 Wednesday from 3:15-4:00pm.

Mr Bateman