

Class 4 Newsletter

Spring Term - 02/02/2018



This Week

Our **Theme** for this half term is the '**Amazing Amazon Adventure**'. This week we have been conducting assessments. This has two purposes: the first is to provide an opportunity for the children to show how they've progressed; the second is for these assessments to be a learning opportunity for the children, so they can learn how to answer the questions to the best of their ability. In **English**, we planned and began to write our own version of the Bear Grylls novel 'The Gold of the Gods'. We are seeking to apply all our grammatical features we've been working on. In **Maths**, we have been applying our skills using the four operations (+, -, x, /) in the sphere of statistics. In **Science**, we have been exploring, in depth, the life cycle of a plant. We have sought to improve our scientific drawing skills including labels. In **RE**, we looked at why Jesus' authority was challenged. This led us to begin to explore the Jewish celebration of Sabbath, or Shabbat in Hebrew. In **Geography**, we applied what we have learning so far with mapping skills, labelling a blank map with the continents, oceans, and other essential markers (equator, hemispheres etc.) In **Art**, we continued to create prints to form our version of 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'. In **PE**, we continued to apply our gymnastic skills with rolls (teddy-bear, forward and backward). The Year 5 children also went **swimming**.

Next Week...

English: Continue to write our own version of 'Gold of the Gods'

Maths: Statistics (graph-work)

Science: The life cycles of plants

RE: The Sabbath

Geography: The Amazon Rainforest

Swimming

This half term brings an end to swimming for **Year 5** children. After half term, and for the remainder of the academic year, **Year 4** children will be swimming. A goggles letter is being sent home. If your child needs to wear goggles, then the slip **must** be returned. Fulwood Leisure Centre are very firm on this matter.

Important Dates

Mon 5th Feb: Final Homework due in (please see overleaf for details)

Mon 5th Feb: Gymnastics club 3:30-4:30

Tue 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Wed 7th Feb: Dance Club for Y3-6 3:30-4:30

Wed 7th - Fri 9th Feb: Year 5/6 Residential Visit to Borwick Hall

Fri 9th Feb: Half term holiday begins

Tues 20th Feb: School re-opens at 8:55am

Wed 7th Mar: KS2 PTA Mother's Day Afternoon Tea (Y3/4 - 2:00-2:30pm / Y5/6 - 2:30-3:00pm)

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

Mon 26th Mar: Easter Activity Day (Parent helpers welcome - please contact school)

Tues 27th Mar: Easter Around the World Celebration at 9:30am

Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **CREATIVITY** goes to **Emily Kilbane** for creatively thinking how to adapt a 2D map into a 3D one.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Connor Seddon** for channelling his inner Max Whitlock during gymnastics and performing some brilliant rolls.

Star Writer: **Emily Kilbane**

Outstanding Behaviour

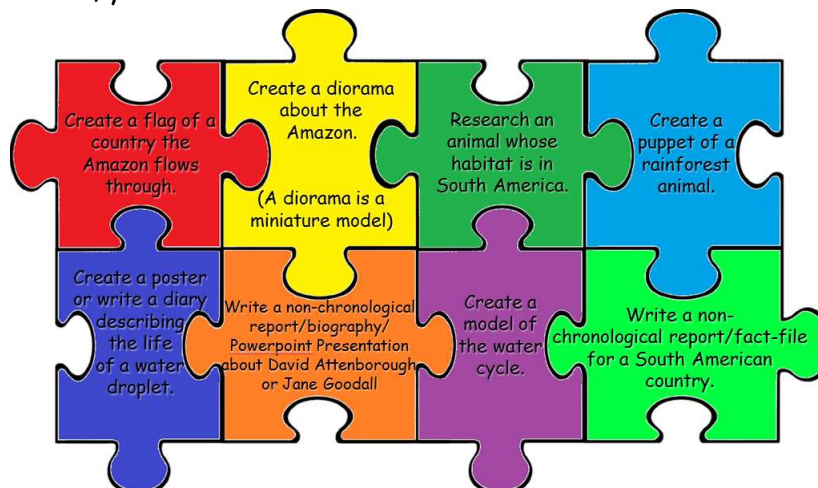
We have had a good start to the new year. The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

Libby B, Dylan, Cayden, Keinan, Logan, Libby P, Natasha, Daniel, Connor

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

Homework

Each week, choose one of these activities to complete as your homework. **You can choose which activity to complete.** Unfortunately, you can't complete the same activity twice. Any questions about homework, you can contact me on 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