



# Class 4 Newsletter

## Autumn Term - 11/11/2016



### This Week

This week in **English**, we have started a new unit on instruction and explanation writing. We have explored all the features and started to write our own instructions for everyday activities using the correct punctuation. In **Maths**, we started thinking about factors and square numbers before beginning our 10 week check-up tests. In **Science**, we created simple circuits that lit up bulbs, made buzzers sound, and moved motors. In **RE**, we created pieces of artwork based on what the Bible says about itself. In **PE**, we started our unit of dance linking in with **Music**. We used the 'BBC 10 Pieces' as inspiration, in particular the Anna Meredith piece called 'Connect It' that uses the body to create music. We continued with regular practise for Sing Together.

### Next Week...

**English:** Instruction and explanation writing

**Maths:** Factors, multiples, challenges

**Science:** Circuits 2

**RE:** The theme of 'Light' at Christmas

### Homework

The children have some **spellings** that they need to practise. The **Year 4** focus is the **suffix-ssion**. The **Year 5** focus is the **letter string ough**. Their spelling sheet needs to be returned by Monday.

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

The written homework is a **reading comprehension** about President-elect Donald Trump.

### Important Dates

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: English reading comprehension homework and spellings due in

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov: Swimming for Y5 children

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: **Parents' Evening from 3:30-5pm and 6-7pm**

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: Christmas shop

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Pantomime visit

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS2 Christmas Cinema from 3:15 to 5:30pm

## Important Dates cont.

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS2 Christmas Production at 6pm (featuring the Christmas Choir)

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS2 Christmas party and Christmas dinner

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec: Schools close at 2pm

## Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **Trust** is for **Nicola Stefanska** as I can always trust her to get on with her work to the best of her ability regardless of distractions around her.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Adam Wignall** for excellent rhythm and coordination during PE and Music.

Star Writer: **Brenda Chiumia**

## Outstanding Behaviour

We have had a good start to the new half term in Class 4. The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

Emilee, Oliver, Alfie, Millie, Alyssa, Aimee, Ruby, Finnlay, Adam

The children's spellings need to be practised 3 times each. This is works best as a supervised activity so you can check whether or not they are being honest and aren't simply copying their spellings rather than learning them. Their practise sheet needs to be returned on Monday mornings along with their homework.

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*