



# Class 4 Newsletter

## Spring Term - 19/05/2017



### This Week

Our Theme for this term is '**Water, Water Everywhere!**'

We've started a new **English** unit of "Story with a Theme". Our story is 'The Mousehole Cat' by Antonio Barber. We have been getting underneath the skin of this novel and have been exploring the two main characters (Tom and Mowzel). We have been trying to utilise noun phrases and are seeking to be precise in our use of them. In **Maths**, time has been our focus. We have used analogue, digital, and other greater units of time. In **RE**, we have represented the Lord's Prayer using art. In **Science**; we have started to deepen our understanding of states of matter and we have focussed on temperatures. In **History**, we focussed on the leaders (Pharaohs) of Egypt and explored significant ones in more depth. In **PE**, we prepared ourselves for the Craig McCann circuit sessions next Monday. In **Art**, we are still recreating images of water, having a free choice about the media and canvas used. Our Coding skills are being refined week on week as we seek to create the games 'Bat and Ball' as well as a 'Slug Trail' game.

### Next Week...

English: Working using *The Mousehole Cat* as source text

Maths: Addition and subtraction

Science: Focus on temperature and how that impacts the states of matter

RE: Multi-Faith and Multi-Cultural week- we will be working to know and understand more about Hinduism and what it really means to be a Hindu. We will then share our knowledge and understanding with the rest of school on Friday in our special celebration. Tolerance and understanding of other faiths is an important part of life and our week will incorporate both our British and Christian values.

### Homework

The written homework is a **Maths problem solving task**.

THE CHILDREN NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS **FULLY**.

In addition to this, they have a **comprehension and writing task** based on 'The Mousehole Cat'.

## Important Dates

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May: UNESCO Cultural Diversity Day

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Spelling writing task & problem solving homework due in**

w/b Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Multi-faith/cultural week

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Craig McCann sports day

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May: Y5 Borwick Hall meeting for parents at 6pm

Thur 25<sup>th</sup> May: Open Door from 3:15 to 3:45pm

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May: Swimming for Y4 children

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May: Deadline for Borwick Form 3B to be handed in**

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May: Craig McCann sponsorship forms to be returned

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jun: Half term homework due in

## Stars of the Week

The **Christian Value** certificate for the value of **FORGIVENESS** is **Freya Dootson**, for being quick to forgive is friends fall out.

The **Curriculum** certificate goes to **Lewis Peet, Finnlay Taylor, Jake Bennett and Tyler Vickers** for creating their own Maths problem and going about solving it.

## Outstanding Behaviour

We have had a good start to the new term. We had a wobble in Art where some children were quite disrespectful to Mrs Robinson. The children this week that have modelled outstanding behaviour 3 or more times are:

Emilee, Freya, Oliver, Owen, Alex, Alfie, Jasmine

Jake B, Millie, Callum, Brenda, Hollie, Euan, Jake K, Keira, Alyssa, Aimee, Ruby, Annie, Nicola, Finnlay, Tyler T, Isaac

**Fidget Toys** We have given fidget spinners (and others) a really good run. They have helped in improving some behaviour however we can see that they have run their course in school. Therefore after Half Term Fidget toys will not be allowed in school. Thank you for understanding.

**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 Thursdays from 3:15-3:45pm** *Mr Bateman*