



# Class 4 Newsletter

## Autumn Term - 05/10/2018



### This Week

A huge thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Poetry Performance yesterday. I thoroughly enjoyed the process of learning a poem and was excited to see the children's creativity in how they adapted and created their own poems. For those who weren't able to attend, in **English** this week, we have used the Michael Rosen poem, 'Woolly Saucepan' as our focus. We have analysed it, changed it, recorded it in many different ways and have performed them. On the second recording, there was a noticeable improvement in the children's confidence to perform. In **Maths**, our focus has stayed with addition and subtraction. We have developed our understanding and usage of written methods applying these strategies to solve a wider range of single and multi-step word problems. In **RE**, we explored the different books in the 'library' of the Bible. We used a song by Go Fish to help us remember - we had a good 'bop' along. We also thought through the life of Mary Jones, a young Welsh girl and her incredible quest to own a Bible. In **Science**, we began to think through thermal insulation and conductivity. We used frozen yoghurt as a vehicle for our learning. We even took measurements with a new piece of equipment - data loggers. The Year 5's also went to ACSC, this week we explored sound using a variety of investigations. In **Geography**, we had a very mature discussion surrounding Fairtrade and applying our knowledge to analyse certain manufactured scenarios. In **PE**, we developed our racquet skills and catching of a small ball. We are seeking to strike a ball on both the forehand and backhand. The Year 5's also went swimming. In **Music**, we continued improving our reading of music and playing of glockenspiels. In **DT**, we tested the effectiveness of our instructions. Once we have honed them fully we will make our Christmas Sundaes!

### Next Week...

**English:** The Magic Faraway Tree

**Maths:** Addition and Subtraction using statistics

**Science:** Thermal properties of materials

**RE:** The History of Bible translations (into other languages)

**Geography:** Food from France

### Multi-Culture

This year we are continuing to celebrate diversity and increase children's understanding of other cultures. We are aiming to celebrate the cultural background / heritage of our school family. We are collecting flags from each of these nations to demonstrate our rich cultural family. Please let us know of your cultural/ethnic backgrounds, so that we can celebrate them too!

### Important Dates

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Comprehension homework due in

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Oct:** My birthday! Wahoo! 21 again!

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Open Door from 3:15 to 4:00pm

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year 5 swimming

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Harvest Service at St Christopher's @ 9:30am

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Half term

**Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Parents' Evening

**Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 2019:** Sing Together Concert

## Stars of the Week

The **CHRISTIAN VALUE** award for **TRUST** goes to **Cayden** who I can always trust to be someone who gets in and gets on, ignores distractions and gives his all.

The **CURRICULUM** award goes to **Jensen** for a clear explanation of our Science investigation.

Star Writer: **Logan** (and star music performer!)

Thanks for playing the piano during the Poetry Performance.

## Behaviour

Those children who have modelled Outstanding behaviour at least 3 times are:

Lewis, George K, Faith, Henry, Libby, Dylan, Cayden, Jaiden, Keinan, Harley, Logan, Connor

## Homework

The children have a reading comprehension called "From a Railway Carriage" to complete. They need to answer all the questions from 'Get Started' and 'Try These'. They are allowed to choose 2 of the 5 questions from 'Now Try These'.

## Other Notices

Please note that Reverend Peter would like everyone who can join us at the Harvest Service, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, to bring some non-perishable food (pasta, tins, packaged food etc.) for donations to a local food bank. He also would like those who come to bring a piece of fresh fruit to assist him during the talk.

Sponsor forms for the Bog-Eyed Jog (Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October) will be sent out early next week. Please have them completed and returned to school once the Jog has been fulfilled.

*Have a pleasant weekend.*  
*Mr Bateman*