



Class 4 Newsletter

Summer Term - 05/07/2019



This Week

This week we continued with our explanation texts. We have invented a machine that helps us in everyday life (much in the vein of Wallace and Gromit). We then created diagrams and wrote a text explaining how these machines help us. Our focus in **Maths** has been geometry and particularly coordinates - plotting them, translating them and reflecting them in the first quadrant. In **Science**, we investigated air resistance using cupcake cases. The children planned, carried out and analysed their results from their own investigations. In **Geography**, we used and began to understand how to read Ordnance Survey maps. In **Computing**, continued creating our own PowerPoint presentations about the mathematician Al-Khwarizmi.

Next Week...

English: The Boy at the Back of Class

Maths: Fractions

Science: Parent Showcase on Friction

RE: Art about who God is

Geography: The Lake District

Important Dates

Wed 10th Jul: Class 4 Parent Showcase afternoon from 2pm to 3pm (please attend to support your child)

Thur 11th Jul: Y5 day at Ashton Community Science College

Fri 12th Jul: Y4 swimming

Mon 15th Jul: Summer 2 Project Homework deadline

Tues 16th Jul: End of Year Reports sent home

Thur 18th Jul: Nelson Mandela / National Listening Day

Parent Showcase

Next Wednesday (10th July) we are having our first Class 4 Parent Showcase. The showcase will start at 2pm and will finish at 3pm. It is an opportunity for you as parents and carers to come into school and participate in an activity alongside your child. Showcases that have occurred in other classes have been well attended and loved by those adults who participated. I would love to see you there. The focus of our showcase will be DT and Science; we will be investigating friction.

Nelson Mandela / National Listening Day

On Thursday 18th July we are celebrating Nelson Mandela and National Listening Day. We will be celebrating South African culture and practising our Listening skills. The children may come dressed in any combination of the colours of the South African flag- Yellow, Black, Blue, Red, white and Green (£1 donation). We will also be having a sponsored silence during the day. Please support this fund raising event as this will help towards the new gazebo. Named sponsor forms were sent home on Wednesday (3rd July).

Stars of the Week

The **CHRISTIAN VALUE** award for **COURAGE** goes to **Jaiden K** who is beginning to step outside his comfort zone and challenge himself in the core subjects.

The **CURRICULUM** award goes to **Cayden** who continues to have a fantastic attitude to learning in all areas.

Behaviour

This week, it has taken some of us longer than necessary to settle back into the school routine. The children whose behaviour was Outstanding at least **three** times this week are:

Alfie, Ethan, George G, Jensen, Lewis, George K, Lottie, Faith, Ollie, Jack, Libby, Bronti, Dylan, Cayden, Jaiden, Millie, Keinan, Harley, Logan, Holly, Daniel, Connor, Noemi, Jake

Homework

Class 4 Summer 2 Half-term Homework Project

In History, this term, we have been exploring the **Islamic Golden Age circa 900^{AD}**. There was a lot of scientific advancement during this period. **Your homework project is to research and create a written project (NOT A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION), exploring another era of scientific advancement.** You can use websites, library books and other sources to help you! **It should ALL be your own work!** Each week there is a new task for you to complete to help manage your workload.

The project should be handed in on Monday 15th July.

The children will then present their projects to the class during that week. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes as well as some projects being marked highly commended. Projects will be judged on effort, presentation, content and consistency.

You can choose from **ONE** of the following eras:

- European Renaissance (14th to 17th Centuries)
- The Enlightenment (17th to 18th Centuries)
- US and/or British Industrial Age (18th to 19th Centuries)

Week Five (w/b 8th July)

Write a short speech (about 100 words) about your project. You can include:

- the top five things you found interesting about your era; and
- the part of the project you enjoyed creating the most AND WHY; (*your diary, map etc.*) and
- the part of the project you are most proud of and why.

Then rehearse sharing your speech out loud.

Top Tip: Stand at the top of the stairs and practise speaking to the bottom (it helps with voice projection).

Extra Mile (NOT COMPULSARY BUT WORTH EXTRA CREDIT)

Complete some of these tasks:

- Create a word search using the names of some of the significant individuals
- Create a crossword for some of the significant inventions/discoveries

Have a lovely weekend. See you on Monday.

Mr Bateman