

## Welcome to Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that your child has enjoyed their initial experiences of moving to Year 4 - we are really pleased with the way everyone is settling in.

During these two terms your child will be studying a number of subject areas from the National Curriculum 2014. We believe in the importance of partnership between home and school. To further develop these relations we feel it is important that you are fully aware of the topic your child will be covering during this term. We know that we can depend on you to support your child completely in tasks undertaken.

### English

#### Term 1

In year 4, using the Michael Morpurgo version of Pinocchio, we will begin by looking at Newspaper Reports, where the classes will explore the features of newspapers and begin to plan and eventually write their own.

Following on from this, we will learn a form of perspective writing through diary entries, where your child will put themselves into the shoes of someone else to write from their point of view.

#### Term 2

In Term 2, we will be planning our own play scripts using Pinocchio as a stimulus, to eventually perform a production to you.

**Throughout the terms, grammar, spelling, punctuation and reading will have a massive impact on your child's learning and it will be imbedded in every lesson. It would be wonderful if you could support your child at home in these areas.**

### Maths

#### Term 1

The focus will be on Number and Place Value. The children will:

- Understand the place value in four-digit numbers
- Partition numbers
- Compare numbers

- Order numbers
- Round numbers
- Roman Numerals

#### Term 2

In term 2 we will continue to focus on Number and Place Value, focusing on:

- Using all four operations in calculations
- Knowing different methods to use for each operation
- Solving problems including multi-step problems
- Commutative and Distributive laws

### Religion

#### Term 1

The topic is 'The Bible'. The children will be:

- Discovering what the Bible is
- Looking for Bible references
- Understanding God speaks to us in the Bible
- The Bible and the Divine Office
- Reading and reflecting on different biblical stories.

#### Term 2

In term 2 the topic is 'Trust in God'. The children will be learning about:

- Advent
- Visit of the Wise Men
- Flight into Egypt
- Mystery of the Trinity
- Mystery of the Incarnation

### Science

#### Term 1

In term 1 our class area will be electricity. The children will be:

- Learning about the hazards that could be encountered when using electricity
- Constructing a simple series electrical circuit
- Investigate the effect of including additional cells in a circuit
- Identifying whether or not a lamp will illuminate in a circuit
- Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit

- Recognise some common conductors and insulators of electricity.

**CHANGE THEIR BOOK AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH PARENTS TO DISCUSS THIS!**

### Term 2

In term 2 we will be looking at sound. The children will be:

- Identifying how sounds are made
- Recognising that vibrations from sound travels through a medium to the ear
- Finding patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object
- Finding patterns of the volume of the sound and the strengths of the vibrations
- To recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the source is increased.

**Maths:** Children will be aware of the time tables they need to practice in preparation for their test on Friday.

**Spelling:** Children will be given a spelling list every MONDAY and tested every FRIDAY.

Many thanks,

Miss Aina-De-Haan & Miss Leybourne

### History and Geography

#### Term 1

Our history topic in term 1 is *Leisure and Entertainment in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*. The children will study leisure and entertainment as an aspect of British history and extend their chronological knowledge beyond 1066.

#### Term 2

Our Geography topic in term 2 will be focusing on **mountains, rivers and volcanoes**. The children will look at physical aspects of the globe. Understanding how mountains are formed, the types of mountains that exist, how rivers and volcanoes are formed and make a model volcano.

### Design & Technology - Young Enterprise

Throughout term 1 and 2, we will be developing skills to design and create our own puppets and set, linking this to our English topic of play scripts.

In December, the children will be inviting you to watch the production as part of the development of their entrepreneurial skills, including marketing and sales.

### Homework

**Reading:** Each child will receive a reading book which should be read daily.

**CHILDREN'S JOURNALS MUST BE SIGNED EVERY NIGHT AFTER THEY HAVE READ. IF YOUR CHILD'S JOURNAL IS NOT SIGNED THEN THEY CAN NOT DO THEIR QUIZ OR**