

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back after the holidays. We are looking forward to getting to know your children and to continue the fantastic learning that has taken place already.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the children and lots of hard work to be done before they move onto Year 5.

Please find some useful information about what Year 4 have in store for this term.

Mrs Bryan and Mrs Gilpin

## Maths and arithmetic

Throughout this term, Maths will be taught with a focus on arithmetic, problem solving and reasoning. As always, emphasis during arithmetic sessions is on the fluency of the four operations, with speed and accuracy. Rapid recall of times tables is essential when it comes to maths and by practicing daily, children will show great progress. By giving the children open ended tasks they will deepen their understanding of the objective learnt. Please encourage children to use their mathematical skills when out and about with you. In Year 4, the children will complete the Year 4 multiplication check, so regular practice on Times Table Rock Stars will help them feel confident.

## Writing and reading

Reading is an essential part of everything we do at school; therefore, ensuring your child reads to an adult at least 4 times a week will help them to develop across all areas of the curriculum. We appreciate that many of the children are becoming independent readers at this stage, but fluency, comprehension and speed are vital skills they will need to continue and consolidate.

Our English lessons will be driven through the reading of class novels. We will study a number of novels and use them as a stimulus for our writing. We are currently using the text, 'The 1000 year old boy' in our VIPERS sessions. To complement these texts, we will also use visual literacy as a stimulus for writing. Writing will involve writing for a range of audiences and children always take pride in their extended pieces of writing. We have been really impressed with the children's stamina to writing and their own creative flair!

## KEY DATES

**PE days- Monday and Wednesday each week.**

**Half term – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Homework will be given every Friday for Spelling test on the following Friday.**

## The wider curriculum



In our Science lessons this term, we will be looking at 'Animals including humans', where children will be investigating the different parts of our digestive system, our teeth and food chains. In Geography, children will be using world maps to identify mountain ranges across the world and learning about volcanoes and how they are formed. Later on in the term whilst studying History, the children will look at when the Anglo-Saxons and Scots invaded Britain and the impact it has on us today. During our RE, we are learning about Muslims in and around Britain and discovering about their faith and beliefs. In our PSHE, we are discussing our hopes and dreams and what skills are required in achieving those goals. While in our French lessons, the children will learn vocabulary and phrases related to sports. We are excited about our art project, where the children will create a collaborative piece of art of a mountain range using their homemade viewfinders.