

## Class 4 Curriculum News Letter

Welcome back and welcome to class 4! It has been so lovely to see everyone back today after such a long time away.

This letter will let you know about your child's learning for the autumn term. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in contact.

**Maths** – This term the children will be continuing their learning of place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, statistics, measurement and geometry. Each day children will receive a maths lesson and a maths skills lesson – where they will be continuing to sharpen their arithmetic skills and developing their problem solving techniques.

**English** – We will be using the theme of explorers as an inspiration for our learning in English this term. Our class novel is *The Explorer* by Catherine Rundell. Using this text, as well as related non-fiction texts and clips, children will continue to develop their writing skills and reading comprehension. Class 4 will be writing; stories, diary entries, newspaper reports, descriptive passages and letters.

**Humanities** – For the first half of the autumn term we will be studying South America as part of our Geography – focusing on Brazil and the Amazon rainforest. The second half of the term will be a history focus; learning about the Mayans.

**Science** – This term we will be learning about light and next term will be classifying materials.

**Computing** – We will be focusing on using word processing programs effectively and creating documents.

**Art/DT** – Our first term will be an art topic, looking at different types of abstract art. Our DT will have a Christmas theme, looking at different Christmas cards and decorations and making our own.

**RE** – In RE class 4 will be studying the different types of journeys people go on and the Christian journeys made around Christmas.

**PE** – PE this term will be Invasion games and fitness. PE will be on a Monday with Mrs Byrne and a Friday with Mr Rice. To minimise contact and different items being brought in from home to school and vice versa we have decided that, on the classes PE days, children will come into school in their PE kit. I will put a reminder of our PE kit items at the bottom of the letter – though if they have out-grown of kit etc and you have yet to replace it, do not worry, just try and make the kit as close as possible with items from home.

We are currently in collaboration with the school wear shop to be able to bring you Norton sports hoodies. These could, if you chose, be worn on PE days instead of the normal school jumper or cardigan. We will keep you posted on developments for this.

**PSHE** – Our topics this term will be *Our Happy School* and *Out and About*.

**Music** – Music from around the world.

Homework – Homework will be uploaded onto google classes each week. Children will be given a homework book for them to use to write answers/practice in. Homework will include Spellings, Mental Maths Olympics and another piece (which will vary from week to week). Spellings and Mental Maths Olympics will be tested on a Friday. Though there will not be a test on the first week.

Children will be expected to read at home and at school. They will have a home reader and a school reader. Home readers can be changed on a Friday so children will need to make sure that their book is long enough, or they have multiple books, to last the week. Children will be given a reading diary in which they will record their home reading. This will need to be brought in on a Friday for us to look it. If your child has books at home that they would like to read, they are very welcome to. Their home reader does not have to be one from the school library.

I will send with this letter a copy of our class timetable. Mr Caswell will teach the class on a Thursday afternoon and Mr Rice for one PE lesson on a Friday. The rest of the time the class is taught by Mrs Byrne and Mrs Brimble.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Byrne and Mrs Brimble

PE Kit

Dark shorts/skort

Bottle green PE T-shirt

Black tracksuit trousers/Black leggings

Trainers

School jumper/cardigan