



Welcome to Class 4's Spring Newsletter

We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and a happy new year. This newsletter will hopefully cover any questions that you may have about this term, but if there is anything else you would like to know please contact Mrs Cooper, Mr Vincent or the school office. Our Class Story, which you can access via Class DoJo, will be regularly updated with photographs and other information.

Weekly diary

Monday	- Suitable PE footwear needed.
Tuesday	- Homework to be returned to school
Wednesday	- Suitable PE footwear needed.
Thursday	- Homework to go home
Friday	- Spellings to be returned to school - Next week's spellings to be given out - Library day

Literacy

We will begin this term by exploring the texts *Goodnight Mister Tom* and *The Magic Faraway Tree*. These class texts will inform the text types that we will be covering this term. Across Mrs Cooper and Mr Vincent's groups we will be writing a variety of different text types including, formal and informal letters, non-chronological reports, diary entries, short stories, newspaper reports and play scripts. Throughout the term, we will also continue to focus on developing the children's understanding of English grammar, punctuation and spelling.

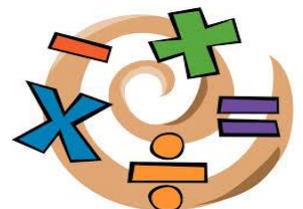
Reading



Through the use of Accelerated Reader, we will be developing our understanding of texts we have read. In order to support your child's reading, they will be given the opportunity to bring a text home and, once it has been read, we will be completing a quiz based on their current understanding of the text. Please try to listen to your child read their book at least 3 times a week and leave a comment in their reading record. **Reading folders need to be in school every day.**

Numeracy

During this term we will continue to cover all areas of Numeracy as well as revising some areas which have been covered in past years. This term our blocks of work will begin with revising Time, Area, Perimeter and Volume, Length, Capacity and Mass before moving on to Shape, Statistics, Co-



ordinates, Ratio, Proportion and Algebra. Throughout this term we will also be using past SATs papers to assess Year 6 children's current understanding. We will use these to fill gaps and revise different areas.

SATs

The Year 6 children will be completing their SATs in the week beginning 13th May 2019. After school SATs booster sessions for Year 6 children will also be running from the week beginning 21.01.19. Your child will be in a small group working with a designated member of staff between 3:15 and 4:00pm. Snacks and refreshments will be provided for the children. These sessions are a valuable opportunity for your child to work in a small group. It provides the chance to familiarise themselves with past SATs questions, the papers themselves and revise key areas they may come up in the May assessments.

There will also be a SATs meeting for Year 6 parents on Thursday 17th January at 2:30pm to discuss any queries you may have regarding the assessments and an opportunity to look at what is expected of your child by looking at past papers.

Other subjects

This term our class will be covering the 'Shang Dynasty of Ancient China' as our history topic. The Chinese theme will continue into our work in DT during the first half term. We will be looking at designing and making our own Chinese food while in Geography we will be looking at Fairtrade food around the world. We will also be continuing to look at our mapping skills. In computing, we will be learning to use Google Earth and in digital literacy, we will further our understanding of 'Cyber Bullying' and how we can keep ourselves and others safe. In Science we will be looking at 'Light' during the first half term of the New Year and 'Electricity' after the February half term break which will also link into our second DT topic of the term on 'Lighthouses'. In Art we will be looking at landscapes and famous architects. We will also be looking at The Bible in RE and continuing our work in Spanish by learning about the weather and music. This term we will be having music lessons led by a specialist music teacher. These lessons will take place on a Wednesday morning and alternate each week between Mrs Cooper and Mr Vincent's groups.

PE



This term our PE lessons will take place on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. The focus of our Monday lesson will be *Gymnastics* which will be led by a member of Dance North East. Our Wednesday lessons will focus on Netball and Hockey. Please can you ensure your child has **sensible and appropriate** footwear at school on these days as lessons will take place outside where possible.

Homework

Your child will be given two pieces of homework each week (literacy and numeracy). Year 6 children will be set homework from their SAT revision books while Year 5 children homework will be set to revise key areas of the curriculum which have been covered during that week. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and it needs to be returned to school by the following Tuesday. Please make sure your child brings their completed homework to school in their homework folder.

Homework

Your child will be given three pieces of homework each week (reading, spelling and topic based work). Spellings will be given out on a Friday in preparation for the following Friday when they will be tested. Topic based homework will be given out weekly on a Thursday and it needs to be returned to school by the following Tuesday. For our topic based work we will be sending a list of 16 pieces of homework home linked to our afternoon subjects, these will last through until Easter. Children should only complete one piece of homework per week and it is entirely up to your child in which order they complete them. Reading books will be sent home with children daily. They should read at least 3 times a week and ensure that reading books are brought to school every day. Please make sure your child brings any completed homework to school in their homework bag. Failure to complete homework will result in children missing out on Golden Time and Golden Time clubs.

