

Year 4 Spring Newsletter

January 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Year 4! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and I wish you a very happy New Year!

Religious Education

Please see the attached sheet for details about our RE themes, which are 'Jesus, the Teacher' and 'Jesus, the Saviour'.

English

Our class novel this term is *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. We will be reading and analysing the book together and it will also link into parts of our creative writing. Additionally, our geography topic 'Mountains and Volcanoes' will be included in our fiction and non-fiction writing this term. Towards the end of term, we will study descriptive poetry.

Mathematics

- Multiplication and division
- Measurement
- Fractions
- Decimals

Science

For the first half of the term our topic in Science is Electricity. In this unit we will construct simple circuits & draw them. We will investigate which materials are the best electrical conductors and use this information to explore more sophisticated circuits and make switches. The children will also do a research project about a scientist.

Our second topic will be Sounds. The children will learn how the ear hears and understand that sounds are made when objects vibrate and that sounds travel through solids, liquids and gases. The children will investigate how well sound can travel through different materials and how instruments make different sounds.

Computing

This term we will be focussing on computer coding; developing our own games and learning how to debug them. We will continue to teach the children about the importance of e-safety throughout the year.

Geography

Our topic this term is 'Mountains and Volcanoes'. We will learn where the major mountain ranges are and explore the size, features and climates of some of the world's tallest mountains, before looking at why mountains are such popular tourist destinations and the effects this has on the mountain environment. We will then learn about famous volcanoes; where they are in the world and how they are formed. We will explore what happens when, and why, a volcano erupts and we will learn about life in volcanic areas.

Art

This half term we will be completing a project focused on 'Banksy'. We will also use our class text to inform our artwork and bring to life the descriptions of C.S. Lewis. Our DT project will link to geography and science, creating 3D models of mountains and volcanoes.

PE

This term the children will continue to have PE on Tuesdays.

Homework

Just as we did in Autumn term, homework will be uploaded to Google classroom on Fridays and is due to be uploaded by the following Thursday. I strongly encourage your children to participate in any creative homework set to maximise their independent learning and opportunity for innovation.

Please encourage your children to read every night, they must record when they read in their reading records and a parent must sign in their reading records once a week. Every week I will ask the children to see their reading record to make sure this is being done.

The children will have their spelling tests **and** times table tests on **Fridays** this term.

Thank you all so much for your support during Autumn term. Please contact me if you have any queries. It's great to have you all back and I am looking forward to another successful term!

Kind regards,

Miss Hunt