

Class 4's Newsletter Spring (2) 2020
Year 2

Dear Families

Staffing Team

Mrs. Buckland teaches Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Tabreham-Henshaw teaches Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Parkin is the Teaching Assistant Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Miss White is the Teaching Assistant on a Friday

What have we been learning so far this year?

We have been so busy exploring, questioning, discussing, researching and problem solving this year in our really exciting topics. Last half term we were Netherfield Historians finding about what life would have been like for people in our area many years ago. First, we learnt all about the Great Fire of London and Carlton Fire Service came to visit. The children loved looking at all the equipment on the Fire Engine and learning what it was used for. We even had an opportunity to go in the Fire Engine. It was a great way to finish our topic and for the children to compare what the fires service is like today in comparison to the Great Fire of London in 1666.



We had the most magical Christmas celebration during our special 'Georgian Christmas' day and got to experience what Christmas would have been like for children living in England in the 1700s. The children looked great in their costumes and we had a wonderful day making yule logs and bread and butter pudding. We also learnt a Georgian dance and a card game. We were able to show what we'd learnt about that day in a whole school assembly.

What exciting learning are we doing this term?

We are currently being great geographers and excited explorers and we travel to both ends of the earth for our topic 'Polar Opposites'. We have been researching and exploring the Arctic and Antarctica, learning about the different places including what the weather is like, the animals that live there, and how people survive in these conditions. Google Earth, video clips and drama have really brought the learning to life for the children and they are enjoying the topic immensely. We have been amazed by the fabulous home learning which is proudly on display in the classroom. Thank you for all your help and support with this.



What exciting things have we got to look forward to?

We will be continuing our explorer expedition as we go on Safari in Africa to learn about what life is like there and all its amazing animals!! We also have a visit planned from the famous Author Jonathan Emmett. He'll be signing books after his visit too so if you have any of his books then why not bring them into school to be signed!!

Our Year 2 Curriculum

Our exciting curriculum enables the children to consolidate their learning and knowledge throughout each half term. In Geography, we have been using maps to identify continents and oceans in the world. In History, we are learning about the famous explorer Captain Robert Scott and his expedition to and across Antarctica. In Science, we are carrying out enquiry and investigations about ice and we will be using Information Technology to create reports about Antarctica.

What else can I get involved in?

There are lots of clubs that children can take part in throughout the year both during the school day and after school. Lots of our class are enjoying taking part, learning new skills and making new friends. This term Mrs Buckland is running a Lego club on a Tuesday after school. Why not come along and join us!



PE

This term we are very excited to have Mr Crone teaching PE every Wednesday. These PE lessons will be outside so please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing and that jewellery is removed. Earrings need to be either removed or covered.

Home Learning

Reading

Reading is a top priority for all children. Reading underpins all the curriculum areas.

The **Reading Olympics** will be counted from the first day of term –

Bronze award 15 reads Silver award 25 reads Gold award 40 reads Ruby award 70 reads
and **Diamond award 100 reads.**

Spellings

The children will be given weekly spellings to practice, and will be tested on these every Friday.

Numeracy and Reading Comprehension

This will be set by the child's teacher once a week on a Monday, with one week to complete and return it.

Topic

Each half term the children will have a piece of home learning related to our topic.

If you have any questions or queries our team are always here to help. If you could offer any time in school to support learning in any way please come and talk to us – we'd be very grateful.

We would particularly love extra support with readers. So if you can spare an afternoon to hear children read – please come and see us!

Many thanks,

Mrs. Buckland
Mrs. Tabreham-Henshaw
Mrs. Parkin
Miss. White

