



Class 4 News

Term 3

Friendship

Thankfulness

Love & Compassion

Hope

Forgiveness

15th January 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils of Class 4,

I hope you have had a restful Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts I received at the end of last term; they were very generous! After spending time relaxing with family and friends, I am really looking forward to beginning the Spring Term and starting our new, exciting topics of learning!

The Class Four teaching team still includes myself and Miss Bates. On a Friday afternoon, Mrs Hunt will be covering my release time and we have our lovely Student Teacher from Canterbury Christchurch University back with us on a Tuesday. If you wish to discuss your child's learning then please feel free to leave a message with the member of staff on the door in the mornings, catch me on the playground in the afternoon or email me at lwebb@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk.

In **English** this term the children will be exploring two different text genres: Formal letter writing and persuasive writing. We will be identifying the different features of these genres and identifying the use of these in a range of high quality texts. The children will then be able to use and apply these skills to their own formal letters and persuasive writing.

Math lessons this term will continue to develop the children's understanding of Time, 2-D shapes and recapping on the four operations. They will be using resources, pictures and formal methods to support their understanding of 12 hour and 24hour clocks along with properties of shapes. The children will be solving a range of problems linked to this area of maths.

This term in **Science** we are learning all about Living things and their habitats. The children will be exploring, comparing and sorting different creatures, according to their characteristics. We will be completing investigations to explore life processes, how their bodies suit their homes and design our own creature based on our findings.

In **Topic** this term we are learning about Biomes, Climate Zones and Vegetation belts in the world. The children will be focusing on one particular biome- The Amazon Rainforest. This is so that we can use the issue of Deforestation in English for our persuasive writing genre. In art will be exploring paint and mixing of colours, using the Rainforest environment as a basis for the picture.

Within their **RE learning**, Class Four are going to be learning about 'Gospel'. The children will be exploring the importance of love, and life in the world today and they will have the opportunity to discuss their own ideas. The children will be learning about Healthy Lifestyles in their **PSHCE** lessons. This will include exploring a range of ways of how to keep physically healthy and how the children can look after themselves.

This term the children will be taking part in **music** lessons with our new Music specialist on a Friday afternoon. In **French** the children will be learning new vocabulary for the days of the week and the months of the year. The class will also learn how to ask someone when their birthday is, as well as talking about their own birthdays.

Tolerance

Reverence

Truth & Trust

Respect

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Within their **computing learning**, Class Four will be developing their PowerPoint skills. The children will learn how to add more advanced animations to their PowerPoint presentations and they will then share these with the class. We will be focusing on E-safety as the theme of our presentations.

Home Learning: The children will continue to have their homework set on a Friday and it will be due back into school on the following Wednesday. Please continue to support your children to read for ten minutes every day and to practise their times tables regularly. I have been really impressed with the children's enthusiasm towards their reading and I love to hear about the books that they have been reading at home!

PE: In term three the children will be learning and developing their invasion game skills. The pupils will be practicing their communication and team work skills, alongside passing, dribbling and strategies that they can use in a basketball game. **Class 4 will have their PE lesson on a Wednesday afternoon.** We are also very lucky to be having the assistance of **Total Sports Coaching on a Thursday morning** to help boost our overall sporting skills and knowledge. Please ensure that children bring their PE kits into school **every Tuesday** ready for their PE learning

If you wish to contact me please do not hesitate to speak to me on the playground before or after school with any questions or information that I may need to know. I am very proud of the fantastic attitude and learning in Class Four so far and I am excited to see the children continue to enjoy their brilliant learning as we move into Term 3! Well done!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Miss L Webb
Class 4 Teacher