



Class 4 News

Term 1

7th September 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils of Class 4,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and that the children are excited to be back at school ready for a brilliant time in Class Four! We have some very exciting learning planned and what promises to be a few busy terms ahead!

The Class Four teaching team includes myself, Mrs McClanaghan and Miss Mason. On a Tuesday Miss Tydeman will be covering my release time. If you wish to discuss your child's learning then please feel free to catch me on the playground or email me at lmills@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk.

In English this term the children will be exploring a range of poetry and different poetic techniques. The children will plan, draft and publish their own poems and they will then have the opportunity to share and celebrate their work with other children in the class. The children's second genre this term will be diary writing. They will learn how to write in first person when relating past events and describing their emotions.

Maths lessons this term will be developing the children's understanding of place value with four digit numbers. They will be comparing, rounding, adding and subtracting numbers using their deepening understanding of place value. The children will learn different strategies that they can use when reasoning and problem solving, for example by using manipulatives, pictorial representations and abstract calculations. It is expected that children regularly practise their times tables at home as this will really benefit their maths learning and confidence.

Our Science topic this term is 'Animals including Humans'. The children will be learning about the different functions of teeth, how to interpret a variety of food chains and how the digestive system works. We will be working together to generate scientific questions and we will be completing some exciting investigations to answer some of these enquiries.

The first topic of the year is all about the 'Ruthless Romans'! We will be exploring the fascinating Roman empire and how they have impacted our historically rich city of Canterbury. The children will have the opportunity to create their own mosaics and Roman shields. Our celebration of learning will be held on Friday 12th October between 2.30 and 3.00pm.

Home Learning: In Year Four children will be expected to complete maths, grammar and spellings homework to support their learning in school. Homework will be set on a Friday and it should be returned to school to be marked the following Wednesday. Each task should take no longer than 20 minutes. If it takes longer, feel free to stop the children and we can discuss the work with them in school.

Reading: Children are expected to read for a minimum of five minutes a day. This should be recorded in the children's home learning journal that should be brought back into school everyday. Frequent reading makes a significant impact on the children's progress and confidence in many areas of their learning. By exploring a range of books based on the children's interests, I really hope that their love of reading can be inspired!

Forgiveness

Hope

Love & Compassion

Thankfulness

Friendship

Tolerance

Reverence

Truth & Trust

Respect

Joy

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PE: In term one the children will be learning and developing their netball skills. The children will be practising their chest, bounce and shoulder passes, alongside attacking and defending strategies that they can use in a netball game. **Class 4 will have their PE lesson on a Thursday afternoon.** Please ensure that children bring their PE kits into school every Thursday ready for their PE learning. Children should always have their trainers in school to wear during our daily 'Active 10' activities.

Show and Tell: If children have things that they would like to show the class I would like to ask that they are related to our current topics or recent areas of learning. As super as it is to hear about the children's new and exciting toys, these should not be brought into school for show and tell in Year Four.

Once again, 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 much looking forward to working with you to create a fabulous year of learning for Class 4!

Kind regards,

Miss L Mills
Class 4 Teacher

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