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CLASS 4 SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. The first few weeks back have been lovely, and I have heard all about the wonderful Christmas' the children have all had. This half term our topic is the water cycle.

English

We will be focusing on poetry this half term. We will be using three texts: A river, The rhythm of the rain and blue floats away. We will be looking at poetic techniques such as: alliteration, metaphors, personification and kennings. The children will be writing their own poems based on the water cycle.

Our spelling test continues to be on a Monday. I have sent home the spelling overview for the half term and uploaded an electronic version to the year 4 yammer page. There will be additional tests on Fridays which recaps words learnt lower down the school, these include common exception words and high frequency words. This is to support the children with their spellings and to ensure we take a personalised approach to spellings to ensure children are learning the words spelt incorrectly.

Reading Books and Diaries

Please can children continue to read at home at least three times a week for twenty minutes. Please ensure you write this in their reading diary so we can keep track of how many reads the children have completed as part of our 100-read challenge. Your child should have one book banded book and one book which they can read for pleasure regardless of its book band- this is to encourage of love for reading. Reading regularly also has a huge benefit in helping children with their writing too.

Maths

In maths, our key focusses this half term will be on multiplication and division over 3 digits before moving on to measurements including perimeter and length. As part of our preparation for the multiplication assessment later in the year, we will start weekly



multiplication tests. These will be carried out on a regular basis so please ensure your child is focusing on the times tables which they lack confidence in.

Geography

This half term we will be looking at the water cycle and rivers. We will explore the journey which water takes and how this impacts the environment. Severn Trent will be coming into the school to give a talk to the children so give us an insight into how water is provided to Nottingham.

Science

Our science topic this half term will be states including matter. We will be exploring solids, liquids and gases and performing experiments to deepen our knowledge of this.

Design and Technology

This half term we will be making greenhouses exploring a wide range of materials evaluating functional properties and aesthetic functions.

RE

This term Class 4's RE theme is people of God, we will be looking at passages in the bible including Noah and Abraham. We will explore promises and think what promises we can make to impact our daily lives.

Computing

Our computing topic this half term is spreadsheets. The children will be using PurpleMash to create spreadsheets as a way of data collection. Additionally, the children will be using spreadsheets to calculate formula.

French

Some of topics we will be covering in French this half term includes members of the family and pets.

PSHE

We will be continuing to explore our emotions and consider scenarios in which we would need to regulate our emotions.

PE:

PE will be taught on Thursdays and Fridays, so children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on these days. Thursday's lesson will be hand ball and Friday's lesson will be tag rugby.



If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact or catch me on the door at the end of the day.

Kind regards,
Miss Farrell