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## **Class 4 Spring 2 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. I have been really impressed with the children's enthusiasm with their previous topic and was thoroughly impressed with their homework last term. I hope this continues this term; I will update you within the upcoming weeks with the homework for this term.

**This term our topic is electricity.**

### **English**

We will begin the term focusing on the text 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo. Our writing focus will be on writing a narrative for the purpose of entertaining. Our grammar focuses will be on using prepositions to expand noun phrases, using speech to move the story along and to use the correct verb inflection in standard English. We will then move onto writing instructions for how to make a torch light. Key reading focuses include defining key vocabulary in texts, making predictions, using inference and considering themes present within the text.

Our spelling test continues to be on a Monday. All children should have their login to spelling shed in the back of their diaries.

### **Reading Books and Diaries**

Please can children continue to read at home at least three times a week for twenty minutes which should then be recorded in their reading diary. Exposing children to new vocabulary is beneficial and supports their writing too.

### **Maths**



In maths, our key focuses this half term will be on adding and subtractions fractions, converting fractions and recognising equivalent fractions before moving on to decimals.

Please ensure children are continuing to practice their multiplications at home in preparation for our assessment towards the end of the academic year. We will continue to have weekly multiplication tests to monitor progress and ensure children are prepared for this assessment.

### **Science**

Our science topic this half term will be electricity. The children will learn how to construct a simple series circuit, about electrical safety, to be able to identify conductors and insulators and understand that a switch opens and closes a circuit.

### **PSHE**

This half term our topic is on safety and the changing body. Children will learn about how to remain safe online and why we have age restrictions. We will explore the differences between privacy and secrecy before moving onto looking at some of the changes to our bodies as we experience puberty. As part of the Relationships, Sex and Healthcare Education, we will have a trained teacher come into school to deliver this. Children will learn the scientific names for genitals and begin to understand the changes our bodies go through as we experience puberty. More information will be shared on this closer to the date.

### **Design and Technology**

This half term we will be in DT we will be designing and creating torches using our knowledge of circuits. We will be using a range of materials such as cardboard tubes and plastic bottles.

### **RE**

This term Class 4's RE theme is salvation and we will be focusing on the question 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?' Children will recap Holy week, focusing specifically on Good Friday and consider the significance of these days and what we do to celebrate today.



Year 4 will be hosting a service in the church to celebrate Easter. More information will be posted on yammer.

### French

Some of topics we will be covering in French this half term include asking someone questions about themselves, numbers and items found around the classroom.

### PE:

PE will be taught on Wednesdays and Fridays so children should continue to come to school in their PE kits on these days. Children will be learning about tag rugby and athletics.

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

Kind regards,  
Miss Farrell