



## Year 4 Spring Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and are feeling ready to embrace the New Year. The children have already made a great start and welcomed Miss Creswell into the Year 4 team amazingly. They are enthused about our new topic 'Blue Abyss'. If the children have any books, DVD's, posters that they would like to share that's linked to this topic then please bring them in.

### Blue Abyss Topic ( Geography, Science)

This half-term our focus will be to investigate living creatures that live in our oceans. In science we will be classifying them and assigning them into groups. We will construct food chains and learn key vocabulary. In geography we will use maps and online resources to learn where the oceans are located and key facts; such as the depth, climate and which continents they are near.

### English

In English, we will be writing poetry focussing on personification, giving a creature that lives under the sea human traits. We will also be writing persuasive letters on why it is important to protect our oceans.

### Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division, developing our understanding that multiplication is the inverse of division and vice versa. Please help at home by developing these mental maths skills ...

- number bonds to 10, 20, 100, 1000 e.g.  $8+2=10$ ,  $18+2=20$ ,  $80+20=100$ ,  $800+200=1000$ ;
- doubling and halving to support multiplication and division

For example

$$2 \times 9 = 18$$

$$4 \times 9 = 18 + 18 = 36$$

- times tables e.g.  $4 \times 5 = 20$ ,  $20 \div 4 = 5$ .

### Art

We are excited to be taking part in a whole school art project focussing on feedback. We will be making drawings of fish and looking to improve these through quality feedback from each other (peers and teacher) over 6 sessions. We hope the project helps the children to develop their ability to give and receive constructive feedback and improve their resilience as they meet challenges along the way. To celebrate the journey of the project we will be inviting you to our exhibition at the end of term - date to be confirmed!

### IT

In IT, we will be looking at basic laptop skills such as - logging on and off and using an internet browser. We will be using search engines to support our Blue Abyss topic. We will also be using iPads to illustrate our personification poems.

## PE

There's no change to PE; both classes still have the same PE and Games days.

Outdoor Games - Wednesday

PE/Hall - Thursday

This half term PE and Games will include: Netball with Mrs Baker and Dance, with a focus on street dance.

RE This half-term, our focus is Buddhism. Our question of study is: Could the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?

## PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Education)

The Personal, Social, Health and Emotion learning focus for this term is all about our dreams and goals for the New Year. We will identify our individual ambitions and any potential challenges that we may face, and how we can tackle these positively and with determination.

## Homework

We would like to encourage all children to read every night for at least 20 minutes; this can be reading of any genre. Our library is currently being reorganised and so your children will need to read their own books from home until it reopens.

Spelling and Maths homework will continue to be given out on and collected in on Thursdays. This will go out week 2.

## Useful Websites

Maths - <http://mathszone.co.uk/>

- [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

- <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy.html>

- [https://www.mathplayground.com/quick\\_calculate.html](https://www.mathplayground.com/quick_calculate.html)

Literacy - <https://www.poetry4kids.com/>

## Questions to ask at home

Science - What is a primary consumer? What is the largest food chain you can construct? What is another name given to a carnivore?

Maths - What is  $12 \times 9 = ??$  How could you use  $10 \times 9$  and  $2 \times 9$  to answer this?

English - What is personification? Can you give an example? What other features of poetry do you know?

Should you have any questions or queries please contact us via email. Many thanks for your continued support.

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