



Year 4 Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back after a beautifully warm half term. We hope you all had fun in the sun and fingers crossed this weather will continue for a while longer. We are continuing with our Blue Abyss topic and we plan to get out on some trips, such as a beach clean and a trip to the zoo. If you are interested and can help, please let your class teacher know.

We didn't set additional homework for half term, but we have informed the children that from next week we will be setting spelling, maths and topic homework. We will be checking reading diaries; please ensure that your child reads at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded and signed in their diary.

Blue Abyss Topic: This half-term our focus will be learning about the Royal Navy ship HMS Challenger and the contributions it made to oceanography in 1872. Children will use laptops to research this and other expeditions which have helped to answer questions about our mysterious oceans.

English: We are really impressed with the children's commitment to the 500 word challenge. The children, who wish to finish and submit their story will need to type and edit at home ready for submission online next week. You can find all the information on the Radio 2 website - if you google BBC Radio2 500 words you will easily find it

In English this half term we will be covering the following genres: stories with a dilemma, biographies and ballads. Through these genres we will be focussing on 'show don't tell' sentences, interesting adverbs and adjectives, different sentence starters and the perfect tense.

In Maths we will be looking at further multiplication and division, developing our understanding and unpicking the language in word problems. Please continue to support with times tables and division problems at home.

Our science topic for this half term is 'Living things and their habitats'. Children will learn how environments can change and how this can have a significant impact on an animal's habitat.

In our Discovery RE sessions, we will focus on Christianity. Our theme this half term will be the story of Easter and we will be focussing on the concept of forgiveness.

Our IT focus is using the coding program 'Scratch'. Children will design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals.

Morning runs will continue every Wednesday and Thursday. A slight change - we now ask that all children come into school, put away their coats and bags then we will leave after the register at 8:45am.

Indoor PE lessons will focus on dodgeball and team games. Our outdoor PE sessions, will involve striking, throwing, catching, running and playing tactical games of cricket.

In preparation for swimming next term, we advise that you do start to take your child to the pool so that they feel confident in the water.

Our Personal, Social, Health and Emotion learning focus for the half term is titled 'Healthy Me', and within this we will learn all about making healthy choices, including eating well, being active, keeping ourselves safe and making good choices.

Useful Websites

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

- www.topmarks.co.uk

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

- https://www.mathplayground.com/quick_calculate.html

Literacy - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Barcis & Miss Creswell

k.barcis@lamoye.sch.je

k.creswell@lamoye.sch.je