

# Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2 - September 2023

Dear parents,

I hope you had a good half term break. I was down in Cornwall for the first week, where I enjoyed going for a swim and seeing some seals. I have also been out running and making the most of the outdoors while I have the light to do so.

This term our cross-curricular theme is 'How does water go round and round?' We will be considering water's importance to the planet through our work in English, Geography, RE, PE, Science and DT. Plus, we will also be gearing up for a fun filled festive season with a variety of musical and creative activities to get the children in the spirit for Christmas (I am sure they won't need much encouragement).

I am looking forward to welcoming the children back to Year 4. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via Dojo.

All the best,

Mr. Gibbons

## English

Children will begin the term looking at fantasy writing, I will be reading them the fantastic tale of the 'Wizard of Oz', alongside our English work on the 'Wind in the Willows,' which is a great unit that explores the text through video, podcasts, reading, performance and drawing. Following this we will be creating information texts about the water cycle and developing imagery in poetry.

## Geography

Continuing with the water theme, children will be learning about the water cycle and how this impacts rivers and mountains in the UK, as well as building up their vocabulary of river and mountain features.

## Maths

We will jump straight into multiplication and division. Moving onto a short unit on area. Then we will be consolidating our knowledge from the term, alongside practicing times tables .

## Grammar

This half-term we will be focussing on determiners, pronouns and fronted adverbials, this will be incorporated into their English lessons, alongside some stand alone Grammar lessons.

## French

'All around town' is our French topic. Children will learn about their local area using French vocabulary.

## RE

Following on from our work on creation and fall last term, we will be exploring incarnation. The Focus will be on understanding the symbolism of the trinity. The father, the son and the spirit, this will be done through analysing art and class discussions to help children get to grips with this complex topic.

## Computing

Working collaboratively is the unit children will be working on this half-term, where they will be learning how to use their email to work with others.

## D & T

This term children will be building bridges. This will help children get an understanding of engineering and what designs work best to hold weight. As well as appreciating how crucial these structures are to modern life.

## PE

Children will be completing a dance unit on the topic of water. Alongside sessions with Mr. Divvevo.

## PSHE

'Me and my relationships' is this term's topic in PSHE. This will help children to explore and discuss how they communicate and relate to their communities.

## Science

Children will be completing Science with Mrs. Sisson this term. They will be learning about living things and their habitats.

## Extra activities.

Children will be taking part in a Hockey Tournament at Frank Seeley at the start of the term. Also the church service is on Thursday 9th November, if any one is available to walk with us let me know.

## Music

Children will be working towards their performance at the Christmas Carol Concert with Mrs. Wood.