



## Class 4 – Spring Term

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope this year is a healthy and happy one for all our families. The children have come back to school extremely well, they are calm and ready to learn, a big well done to them. This term Year 1 and 2 continues to be busy and exciting, and we are encouraging the children to become even more independent. You will continue to receive information about whole school dates and upcoming events through school newsletters. We want to support you in every way we can, so please don't hesitate to pop into class if you have any queries, or to have a look at your child's work. We are looking forward to working with you this term.

Miss Hobson and Mrs. Bowler

### English

In English, we will be exploring the following genres using exciting texts: Postcards and Letters, Speech and Thought Bubbles, Simple Instructions, Poetry, Recount of an Event, Story Writing and Character Profiles. In our writing lessons, we will be learning to: – use a range of punctuation: capital letters, full stops, ? ! ' – use a range of conjunctions to add detail – use adventurous adjectives – use different sentence forms (statement, command, question and exclamation) – write in the 3rd person, present and past tense – use alliteration and rhyming patterns – use a range of verbs and adverbs – to use simple joins correctly and consistently. In our reading lessons, we will be learning to: – sequence and summarise what we have read – increase our fluency with unfamiliar words and check that texts make sense to us – answer questions and make inferences about texts – explore the meaning of new words in texts – respond to punctuation as we read – read words with a range of suffixes.

### Maths

Below are the topics we will be covering this term. **Year 1**

- ◊ Place Value (within 20 and then within 50)
- ◊ Addition and Subtraction (within 20)
- ◊ Measuring (length, height, mass and volume)

#### **Year 2**

- ◊ Money
- ◊ Multiplication and Division
- ◊ Length and Height
- ◊ Mass, Capacity and Temperature

The children will also be continuing the mastery of number programme which helps them become more confident with the basic number system and the patterns within them. We will continue to practice our fluency facts concentrating on:

- ◊ 2, 5, 10 multiplication and division facts and counting in 3s
- ◊ Number Bonds to 10 and 100
- ◊ Addition and Subtraction Fact Families

### R.E.

This term in R.E., we will be beginning with our Galilee to Jerusalem topic. We will learn about John the Baptist and the story of Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan. We will learn that the miracles of Jesus are signs that he is the Son of God. Our second topic is Desert to Garden, where we will learn that Lent is a time for reconciliation and forgiveness. We will listen to what Jesus said on the cross about forgiveness and make simple connections with the belief that God always forgives us.

### Science

This term, we will be learning all about materials in our science lessons. We will be recognising materials around our school and helping teachers sort their classroom objects in different ways. We will also be designing and building a Tudor castle using appropriate materials, thinking about the properties of each material and which part of the castle they would be best used for. Will our castles survive an attack? We will also be doing lots of investigating materials to test which materials can be twisted, squashed, bent or stretched.

## P.E.

In P.E., the children will be developing their knowledge of invasion games and ball skills. We will be learning new skills to improve our individual and team performance. The children will also continue to develop their core muscles, balance and movement through dance. We will have Sam from Urban Kaos – she will be teaching cool moves and shapes in our street dance sessions! Our P.E. lessons are scheduled for Thursday and Friday. P.E. kits should be brought on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.

## Computing

This term in Computing, we will begin with topic iSearch, the children will learn how to use the internet to find out answers to questions relating to space and the solar system. Our second topic is iAnimate, the children will explore stop frame animation through story telling. We will also continue to revisit and consolidate our knowledge of e-Safety throughout the term.

## History and Geography

We are really looking forward to learning about our new history topic: Henry and His Wives. In this topic, we will be learning about England's monarchy and looking at some kings and queens from the past. We will have a special focus on King Henry VIII and his wives. We will be learning how to research and retell facts about the legendary king and the changes he made to our country.

In our Geography topic, Rocking All Over the World, we will be looking at the world as a whole and begin by identifying the continents and oceans using digital maps, globes and atlases. We will then zoom in on the UK and learn more about the countries, capital cities and seas that surround us.

## Art, Music and D&T

In Art, the children will work with clay to design and create their very own Tudor tile, looking at how they can sculpt, mould and add texture to create patterns. In D and T, the children will be designing and creating their own money bags for King Henry VIII. We will use our scientific knowledge to choose appropriate materials. In Music, we will be exploring and creating our own rhythms and beats using our Charanga programme. We will listen to and use instruments (glockenspiels) to create a musical performance. At the end of the term, we will perform for an audience and discuss what we think went well.

## Homework

Children in Class 4 are expected to complete the following daily homework:

- ◊ reading with an adult – a library book or a book shared at home.
- ◊ reading school book with an adult (Fri/Sat/Sun – as many times as possible to aid fluency whilst encouraging expression).
- ◊ practising spellings (look, say, cover, write, check method)
- ◊ weekly Sumdog online
- ◊ practising maths fluency facts (look, say, cover, write, check method)

Homework books will go home on a Friday and children will return them on the following Thursday for their weekly tests. Tests and scores are in the back of your child's homework book for you to view. Please refer to your child's homework books for more information and thank you for your continued support!

## Important Dates!

These are some of the events coming up this term.  
Class mass at St. Patrick's Church – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10am

Don't forget to visit our website for more information!

