

## Year 4 Spring Term 2018

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for the cards and gifts that I received.

This term, the children will have myself for Maths and Topic, and Miss Morton and Mrs Berrisford for English.

Mr Pavey will teach the class Science, Miss Morton will teach Spanish, Mr Goodman will teach Computing and DT, and Mrs Churchill and Mr Bulbeck will teach PE.

Thursday afternoons will be Sport or Forest School, as before.

### Subjects

#### Topic

This week, we have been learning about our RE topic: Islam. The children learnt about how the religion began, how and where Muslims worship, and Ramadan and the festival of Eid.

During the second half term, our next RE topic will be Christianity, with a focus on learning about Lent and Easter.

#### Maths

This term, we will:

- \*revise rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
- \*use the formal multiplication method to multiply any size number by a 1-digit number
- \*use times tables to answer division questions
- \*solve multiplication and division word problems
- \*work with fractions and focus on converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions
- \*draw and read information from a variety of graphs

We will have a mini-test every two weeks, on a Monday, and a times table test on Fridays. Please continue to practise times tables at home.

Maths Homework will continue as before, with the first practice test sheet coming home on Wed 24th Jan.

#### English

In Year 4, our Literacy and Language story contains fantasy creatures and is told in rhyming narrative verse. We will then write our own story in the first person past tense and explore language such as synonyms, powerful adverbs and adjectives.

Spelling Homework: New spelling lists for this half term have been stuck in and handed out this week. Please continue to practise these each week and hand in on a Monday for checking. Spelling tests from the end of last term can be found in back of their green spelling books. Please could you revise any misspelt words, underlined in green.

#### Reading

Our reading for enjoyment book for this half term is *The BFG* by Roald Dahl, and after half term our book will be *The Silver Swan* by Michael Morpurgo.

Reading Homework: Children in Year 4 are expected to read at home and have their reading record signed at least five times during the week. Reading records will be checked on Fridays as before.

#### Science

This half term, the children will learn about animals and humans - how to classify them and also about food and digestion. Throughout our topic, the children will develop their investigation and experimentation skills.

Children should bring their reading book/record, water bottle and coat to school every day.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hewitson