

## Class 4 Spring Newsletter 2024

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday full of fun, laughter and love. Last term was jam-packed full of learning and I have no doubt that this term will be the same!

### History

We kick off our Spring term with a local history study focusing on Henry VIII and why he was so important/impactful. Within the topic, we hope to visit the Priory ruins which were famously bombed by Henry VIII. We will also explore the local families and how they date back to the Tudor times. We will finish our topic with a fabulous Tudor banquet in the Dacre Hall.



### Geography

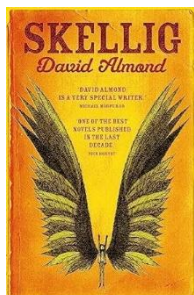
After the half term holiday, we will be learning all about Biomes. We will explore the locations of countries all around the world and the biomes which you may find. We are planning a visit to Amazonia in Glasgow to explore the topic



further... once all of the details are ironed out, we will send you more information. I have also arranged for a good friend to come into school to talk to the children about her work around the world in conservation, particularly with sea life. Overall, this promises to be a really exciting unit!

### English

This term in English we will begin our writing lessons with an extended adventure story. The children will delve into the grammar and skills needed to develop their writing further. We will then move on to some explanation writing, report writing, autobiographical writing and a return to narrative writing to finish the Spring term. Within our reading lessons, we will begin by exploring the book 'All Aboard The Empire Windrush'. Last year, we touched on the history of the Windrush and the children were



keen to find out more, so I am looking forward to exploring this in more detail. Following this, we will work on the picture book 'The Island', before finishing the term with the classic novel 'Skellig'. Another three great books to broaden the children's knowledge of the world and deepen their love of reading.



## Maths

Within maths, we will continue to develop a range of areas over the course of the term. We will deepen our knowledge of multiplication and division, decimals, fractions and percentages. Then we will explore ratio, algebra, measurement and statistics. Lots of new concepts to be covered within this important term.



## Science



In Class 4 pupils will be aspiring chemists! We will look at structures of materials (solids, liquids, gases), experiment how to create a solution and explore which materials can be separated and whether any changes are reversible.

## PSHE

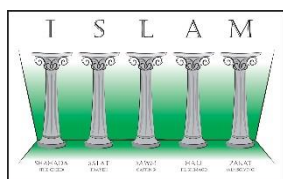
'Rights and Respect' is the theme for our Spring Term 1 learning. Pupils will find out about bias and unbiased opinions and stereotyping. During this unit they will also learn about navigating social media and looking out for untruths. Finally, pupils will learn about The Rule of Law as one of our British Values.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic education

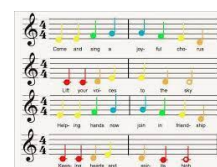
## RE

Our unit for RE this term explores Islam as a world faith. We will learn about the 5 pillars as the foundations for Muslims worldwide and explore how some Muslims express their faith. We will study what religious artefacts in Islam are special to believers and compare places of worship in the UK.



## Music

This term, we will be focusing on a unit called 'Gaining Confidence Through Performance'. This Unit of Work celebrates a wide range of musical styles. We follow the pattern of Listening, Singing, Playing Composing and Performing. The kids will get a chance to perform music on glockenspiels and other instruments.



## French

Pupils will be covering the language needed to talk and read about playing and enjoying sport.

## PE

This half term the children will be doing swimming and dance as their main PE sessions. Swimming takes place on a Tuesday afternoon and the children may come to school in their PE kits and will need to remember to bring their swim kit with them each week. Dance will take place on a Friday and the children can come to school in their PE kits. The children will also have two bouldering sessions on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January- these are always a huge amount of fun and a wonderful way to explore a new sport for many of the children.



## Art and Design



In art, we will be looking at illustrations from the 'Space race' era; exploring how imagery was used and how it influenced art and design; learning the term retrofuturism and evaluating images using knowledge of the formal elements. As always, we can't wait to get stuck into our art sessions and have our specialist art session with Abby.

I am looking forward to the term ahead! If you have any questions or queries, please just let me know.

Mrs Lawton