

Class 4's Autumn Term Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome back to our Autumn term- I hope you have all had a fabulous break over the summer! I am very much looking forward to getting stuck into the term ahead; we have lots of exciting things planned which include: visiting speakers, creative activities and of course... the Christmas play! I'm also thrilled to be teaching topic sessions again with Y4,5 & 6, our topic this term is one which is very relevant currently so I hope we are able to engage not only the children, but parents/families and the wider community.

As always, I am more than happy to discuss any queries/concerns you may have regarding your child. Please let the office know if you require more than a couple of minutes and we can arrange a meeting for after school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

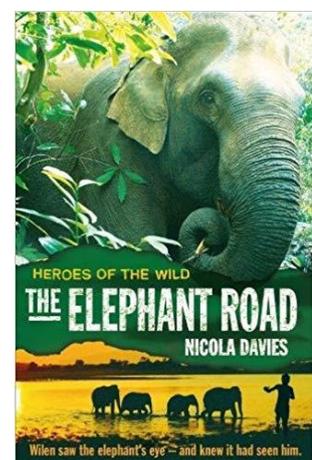
History & Geography

Our topic this term is focused around the question, 'How can we protect our local area?' We will begin the term by exploring what waste we produce, where it goes and what happens to it. We will think about recycling and what happens to non-recyclable products. We will then explore how we could reduce the amount of waste we produce as individuals. The children will have an opportunity to compare how other countries manage their waste and see what works well and what needs to change. Following this, after half-term, we will begin to explore the bigger picture and think about Climate Change. We will look at different contributing factors and what effect Climate Change is having on our local area as well as our planet. We will explore sustainability and carbon footprints; through these discussions we hope to make small changes within the classroom and do our bit to reduce our contribution towards Climate Change. I will be sending home two knowledge organisers which will give you a little more information about what we will be learning about this term.



English

We will be beginning the Autumn term with a piece of writing all about our amazing world and everything that's in it! Following this, we will be reading a story called 'The Elephant Road' by Nicola Davies. A child, a wild animal - a life-changing story! An exciting story which is also based on the truth about how elephants behave and the difficulties of elephants and humans sharing land. Nicola Davies brings a way of life deep in the forests of India vividly to life. Using the book as our stimulus, we will create pieces of persuasive writing, letters, information texts and of course our own stories!



Science

Science will take place on Tuesday mornings with Mrs Clarricoats this year. We shall be looking how living things are classified according to observable characteristics based on similarities and differences; give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. Using the Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre, we will also look at how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment and how adaptations have led to evolution. Using this report, I hope to enthuse the children with real live data about their own school created just for them from real ecologists. The idea is that they then do their own research and can send their findings back to the centre. They would then work out ways to make the school grounds more sustainable and hopefully put some of these into practise whilst learning about the science objectives. Maybe getting local community involved

Computing

During this term we will be focusing initially on internet safety and ensuring that the children understand the dangers associated with being online. Following this, we will focus on their digital literacy skills, e.g. typing skills and the ability to search the internet effectively.

Mathematics

In maths, we will be focusing on place value, calculation, decimal numbers, fractions and shape. As well as developing the children's skills and understanding within these areas, we will also be looking at how to apply their learning to real world situations and different problem solving activities.

All of the Year 6 children will receive Maths Club sessions with Mrs Clarricoats this year. These sessions are an excellent way to build on the learning taking place in class and help to address any misconceptions in a small group setting.

I will be running booster sessions for the Year 5 children on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, during collective worship time. These sessions will be flexible and only used as a top up to the daily learning taking place. They will provide me with an opportunity

Online Safety Follow the **SMART** rules to help stay safe online.

- S** **Safe**
Stay **safe** online by not sharing your personal information.
- M** **Meet**
Do not **meet** anyone who you have only become friends with online.
- A** **Accept**
Do not **accept** messages and friend requests from people you do not know.
- R** **Reliable**
Not everything online is **reliable**. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.
- T** **Tell**
Tell an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.

Be careful what you share online!
Stop and think before you share information online.
Don't say or do anything that you wouldn't do in the real world!

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to support those who have found the learning tricky as well as boost those who are ready for an extra challenge.

C inside

This term, Year 5 will be completing a sequence of C inside sessions with Gillene, which follow on from the Whiskids program used previously. These sessions have a PSHE focus and help the children to understand their feelings, develop coping strategies and provide opportunities to discuss a range of topics as a group.

PE

Carlisle United will be coming in to teach the children football on Friday afternoons, up until half term. Please remember to bring shin pads, a spare change of shoes/trainers and spare socks if needed.



In addition to this, Fraser will be doing P.E with the children on Thursday afternoons and will be doing a mixture of cricket and multiskills lessons. The children will need to bring spare shoes/trainers, socks and jogging bottoms for these sessions as well.

Homework

Throughout this term your children will be receiving one piece of maths and English homework each week. These activities will be a mixture of paper and computer based tasks and will follow on from the learning completed in class.

Alongside these activities, we would like you to continue to read with your children at least 4 times per week. Children who have read and signed their diaries will then be given golden time on Friday afternoons.

Year 6

This year is a very important year for your children as they complete their final year at Lanercost School. With this in mind, we would like you to help us as much as possible to support your children with revision and homework throughout the term. Later in the term we will be sending home revision books which the children will be given tasks to complete in.

