

# Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome back to the new summer term.

Our topic and focus for this half term is geography focussing on major cities and geographical features around the world and within the UK. After half term we will be focussing on science, looking specifically at electricity.

In English we will be looking at dilemma stories, then move on to look at poetry . After the half term holiday we will look at play scripts and stories from other cultures. A key part of our English lessons will focus upon spelling, punctuation and grammar. The non-negotiable for English have been sent home for you to look at and discuss with your child if you require another copy please contact me.

In Maths we will be focussing on many areas including number, shape and space, data handling and problem solving. On a Friday the children will focus specifically on their key maths skills ensuring they are able to add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers appropriate to their age.

The non-negotiables for maths in year 4 have been sent home and this is something you can practise with your child at home. It is imperative that your child is competent with all the objectives listed by the end of year 4. If you need another copy of the non-negotiable please come and ask.

The times tables remain a key focus as the children are expected to know up to  $12 \times 12$ , including the related divisions by the end of year 4. There are times tables sheets in the classroom which the children have been encouraged to complete as extra homework. Many of the children are continuing to make excellent progress with their times tables.

## **PE**

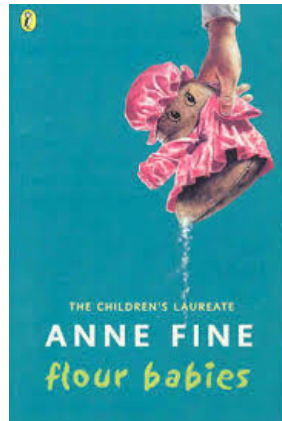
The children will continue to receive a variety of sports lessons each week on differing days. It is important they have appropriate PE kit for these lessons, which includes removing or covering up any jewellery please.

## Homework

Homework will be issued 3 times per week. The children will receive comprehension homework on a Monday, which is due in on the Wednesday. On a Wednesday they will get handwriting and spelling homework, which is due in on the Friday and on a Friday they will receive maths homework, due in the following Monday. The children are also expected to complete 10 minutes reading every night. Please could you record and sign their reading diary every night. If reading is incomplete then your child will be expected to complete it during lunchtime the following day.

Don't forget the e-books website is available for use by all the year 4 children. Their personal logins have been sent home for them to access this excellent free resource.

Anne  
Fine



The class author this term is Anne Fine.

This is an author the children may not be very familiar with and I would like to encourage them to find out about her and read some of her books. They could see if they can find some of her books in the local library to read.

I would like to encourage the children to write book reviews of any of her books that they read. There are sheets on the reading display in the classroom for the children to use.

## Diary Dates

Trip to the Lowry museum- 10th May  
(details to follow)

Year 4 assembly- 11th May

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many Thanks

*Miss Hopkin*

*Miss Maule*