

# Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome back– I hope you had a wonderful break and were able to spend some time relaxing. The children have settled well back into the class and we are excited to see how they develop further over the coming term.

Our theme for this half term is Communication. Through this, we will be looking at Sound in Science and continuing our research into the Ancient Greeks in History. In Geography, we will be looking at rivers linked to our class book. After the half term, our theme is transformations looking specifically looking at States of Matter and Earthquakes.

## Class Novel

Our class novel this term is  
The Last Bear by Hannah  
Gold

## English

Our English focus this half term will be based around the book 'The River' by Marc Martin. The children will be using the book to develop their writing skills through the use of non-chronological reports and newspapers reports. I am looking forward



to seeing the children continue to use different grammatical and literary features to write interesting and exciting pieces of English.

We will also continue to enjoy daily guided reading lessons and dedicated spelling, punctuation and grammar sessions every week. Children should still be reading at home every day.

## Spellings

Your child will be taught spelling rules in specific spelling lessons each week. They will then have a spelling test each week based on the spelling rules they have been taught.

## **Mathematics**

In maths we will be focusing on a number of areas this half term. Forthcoming topics in this subject include: decimals and shape. Each Friday the children will be given a specific opportunity to put these operations into practice, completing age appropriate questions. We will be introducing children to a plethora of problem solving activities and hope to see their resilience in tackling such problems continue to grow.

In order to further support learning, please can you ensure children are accessing linked maths activities on Mathletics and using Times Tables Rockstars to enhance and improve the quick recall of their times tables facts. These are fantastic resources which reinforce and support learning taking place in lessons.

## **P.E**

This year pupils will receive P.E lessons every Monday Please ensure that your child is wearing school P.E kit on this day. On a Wednesday and a Thursday the children will be completing the Mile Run. On these days, the children will need to wear school uniform and then bring in a pair of trainers to change into during the run.

## **Homework**

Homework will be uploaded three times per week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Instructions are written on the class discussion section of Showbie and the work is accessible through the homework folder. It is also expected that the children will complete 10 minutes of reading each night, which needs to be signed, by an adult, in the reading diary. Homework, including the reading, should take 1 1/2 hours per work to complete and should be presented to the highest standard.

## **Uniform**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. Trainers must only be worn for P.E lessons, with black shoes being worn throughout the rest of the day.

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

Many Thanks,

Miss Hopkin and Miss O'Donovan