



Class 4

This year has been an absolutely fantastic one for me. I have loved every minute of teaching this class and I can't wait to have a great half term with them before the Summer.

English

In English we will be producing a few more pieces of writing to add to our collection to help us achieve as many Year 4 writing targets as possible (see the back of this sheet for more information on this).

First, we will produce a formal letter of complaint, spending some time practising how to speak and write formally before completing our letter. Later in the half term, we will look at play scripts, something they haven't looked at since Year 3. We will be using Roald Dahl's BFG to inspire us to write a play script.

Maths

In maths, we are starting the half term looking at different areas of statistics. We will look at tables, bar graphs and pictograms and how to solve problems using them. Later in the half term, we will revise the main Year 4 mathematics areas ready for our end-of-year assessment. A great way to help your child revise is to practise the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Topic and Computing

We are continuing our topic of the water cycle, looking at how to preserve water as well as the features of a river.

In computing, we will be learning how to use search engines effectively before finishing the year learning about the hardware involved in computers.

Science and Art

In science, we are continuing to look at states of matter. We will be looking at different melting points in different substances. Towards the end of the year we will practise our enquiry skills by taking part in a range of different investigations. In art we are continuing to produce watercolours in the style of Monet.

PHSE

Mrs Lindley has been looking at money and finances with the class on a Friday afternoon. They have learnt a little bit about taxes and will continue to learn about how budgeting works.

PE

We will be going swimming on a Friday afternoon throughout this year. PE is now on a Monday morning, a rugby lesson run by the Huddersfield Giants. Your child will need a **fully-labelled** PE kit, including correct footwear, in school for these days in order to participate. As per the school policy, long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped up during PE.

Important Dates this half term:

Wednesday 26th June 2019 – Year 4 at Sports Barn (please come in PE kit and bring water and a packed lunch).

Wednesday 10th July – Friday 12th July – Cliffe House



Writing in Year 4

In Year 4, we have spent a lot of time perfecting our writing. The children are very knowledgeable about different conventions of writing and the various punctuation that they should be including at a Year 4 level.

Here are a few things your child should know how to do in their writing:

- A comma after a fronted adverbial. For example: On Friday, I went swimming.
- A comma to mark a clause. For example: Although I was late, I didn't miss the bus.
- An apostrophe for plural possession. For example: The fans' cheers could be heard across the stadium.
- Using paragraphs with confidence where each one is organised around a theme.
- Inverted commas to show speech. For example: "How are you?" asked the shopkeeper.
- Noun phrases to add details. For example: The biting, cold wind swept across the valley.
- Conjunctions such as 'although' and 'despite'.

Many of the children are frequently using these in their writing now and leaving Year 4 they should be confident including these in various pieces of writing across different genres.

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