

## POWER Project

Details of our new topic-themed **POWER Project** choices were given out at the end of the last half-term. The project work is due into school on **Wednesday 11th or Friday 13th December**, ahead of a classroom parents exhibition on **Wednesday 18th December**. Thank you for your support in helping the class produce some stunning work so far. I know they are all very proud of their efforts.

## Times Tables Booklets

Every Friday, the children take home a times table practise book. We write in the table they need to practise over the weekend and the children will need to complete one page and bring them back every Monday. This way, we can use the following week to clear up any misconceptions the children have. If you have any questions about this, please come and see us.

## Parent Consultations

If you would like to discuss your child's progress or any concerns with your child's class teacher, Hannah and Georgia are available on alternate **Tuesdays after school**. A sign-up sheet is outside each classroom on our noticeboards.

## The Year 4 Team:

**Lilac Class:** Hannah Magee and Chelsea Walker

**Maple Class:** Georgia Tredgett, Michelle Walker and Sam O'Nions



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Our topic this half term is:

**REIGN OVER US!**



Welcome back everyone; we hope that you all had a relaxing half-term! We are all eager to get underway with this half term and our new topic, **Reign Over Us**. We had a brilliant start with the children making great progress during their first half term of Year 4. With your on-going support, we are sure that this will continue for the rest of the year!

## Important Dates

**Wednesday 6th November:** Y4 to VUE cinema

**Friday 22nd November:** Y4 to The Tower of London

**Tuesday 10th December:** Pantomime in Stratford

**Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December:** KS2 Carol Concerts

## Maths

In Maths the children will be focusing on the following areas:

Week 1-3: *Multiplication & Division - Mental strategies and written methods.*

Week 4: *Measures - Measure and calculate perimeter.*

Week 5: *Statistics - Interpret and present data.*

Week 6-7: *Consolidate/Revise learning.*

**How can you help?** Continue to practice all times tables with your child, challenging them to answer question as quickly as possible.

## English

This half-term the children will be reading the text 'Macbeth' With this text the children will complete activities around characterisation, diary writing, role play and paired learning.

During our weekly **Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar** sessions, we will continue to develop our skills in structuring sentences.

**How can you help?** See if your child can spot a complex sentence, maybe in a newspaper or magazine. Can they show you any subordinate clauses? Encourage your child to write stories which include correct paragraph layout and inverted commas.

## PE

This half term's focus in PE will be dance. Our weekly P.E. lessons will continue to be on Tuesday for Lilac class and Friday for Maple class.

## Science

This half-term we will be working on **States of Matter**. We will be sorting and comparing different materials, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases, and observing changes when some materials are heated or cooled. We will also look at the processes of condensation and evaporation in conjunction with the water cycle.

**How can you help?** Take a look at the BBC Bitesize website for a good introduction into the different states of matter. <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zkgg87h>

## Humanities and Topic

### History

In Topic work we will be learning about and understanding the history of Britain in chronological order from 1066 to the present day. Our topic, *Reign Over Us*, is based on the new Primary National Curriculum, which requires children to have a good understanding and knowledge of British history. The children will be learning about notable British rulers, considering how their lives have influenced our history and the wider world.

**How can you help?** This website has lots of great facts on British monarchs, presented in a timeline: [www.projectbritain.com](http://www.projectbritain.com).

### PSHE & Early Bird

PSHE takes place on Monday mornings. We will be focusing our discussions this half-term on 'Celebrating Difference'.

You are very welcome to join us in class for our Early Bird activities at 9.05 am on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings.

### RE

This half term we will focus on Inspirational People.