



# Year 4 Newsletter

January 2018

## Term 2.1 Is it Art?

This half term your child will be exploring the question 'Is it Art?' We will be learning about and creating our own pieces of art work based on famous artists such as David Hockney. These pieces of art work will go on display in the Winter Gardens which we will go to see and we encourage all parents and carers to go and see them too. We will also be focussing on an artist in Literacy lessons, writing biographies about them as well as writing letters.

In the afternoons we will have History lessons about artists, Geography lessons about Art around the World, Science lessons about States of Matter as well as the Art lessons producing our display work.



## P.E. Kits

All children need a P.E. kit in school at all times where possible.

*In January, Class 7 and 8 need a swimming kit on a **MONDAY**.*

*In February, Class 9 need a swimming kit on a **MONDAY***

Children are asked to include **shorts or leggings, a T-shirt, a jumper for outdoor and suitable footwear.**

**NO JEWELLERY TO BE WORN ON P.E. DAYS.**



## Library

Children will visit Firth Park Library once a term. If they have signed up for a library card, they can take out a book.

Children can visit the library in their own time as well. If they borrow a book their earn a stamp, which lead to prizes.

In addition, your child can bring home a level appropriate book, to enhance their reading skills. Please complete the Reading Record book together with your child.

## Extra Curricular Activities

We are continuing to learn the cornet! Every child in year 4 will be able to learn this instrument on a Friday morning. In lessons, they will learn about pitch, rhythm and beat and how to read simple musical notes this year.

## Ideas for helping at home

### Learning Logs

We send out learning logs each week each Friday. Homework is due back in the following Wednesday. Each week we will rotate the homework between literacy and maths.

Spellings are also sent out weekly to practise on a Monday, they are due back in on Friday ready for the spelling test.

### Reading

Children have a wide range of books in class for them to take home and read with an adult. Children should now be reading for understanding, so it would be beneficial for them to read with an adult who can ask them questions to check their comprehension as they go along.

### Maths

Children need to know all of their times tables (up to 12) by the end of year 4 so we are encouraging children to learn them at home as well as in school. They will be tested on which ones they know and can earn bands when they have learnt a new one. We will send home times tables grids to aid their practise at home.

## Dates for your diary

### January

- 15.1.18— Class 9 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- 17.1.18— Class 8 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- 18.1.18— Class 7 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- 19.1.18— 100% attendance visit
- 23.1.18—Class 7 library visit
- 30.1.18—Class 8 library visit

### February

- 6.2.18—Class 9 library visit
- 14.2.18—Class 8 visit Art exhibition at Winter Gardens
- 15.2.18—Class 7 visit Art exhibition at Winter Gardens
- 16.2.18—Class 9 visit Art exhibition at Winter Gardens
- 16.2.18—End of half term