

# Year 4 Information for Parents

Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas and New Year break. Our spring term is going to be a very busy one with lots of activities planned. Year 4 had a very successful Autumn term and we are very much looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

## **'Innovation' – Ingenious Inventions**

Our Key Stage Two creative curriculum unit, Innovation, takes a look at the work of famous inventors throughout the years, with a particular focus on the Victorian era and the exciting developments in science and technology during the Industrial Revolution. Children will have the opportunity to learn about a number of inventions and reflect critically on how they impacted on our lives. We hope to inspire children by exploring the work of these great men and women in history and have planned an exciting Dragon's Den event where children will present their own invention. We are counting on the children's hard work to impress the judges! As Thomas Edison once said "*Genius is one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration.*"

## **Library Books & Reading**

Our library session takes place on a Tuesday. Please ensure that your child brings any library books on that day so that it can be returned and new books can be taken home. Children are permitted to borrow 2 books from the library. Reading to, and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. The more fun you have reading with your child, the more likely you are to instill a love of reading. Encourage discussion with your child when reading with them. They will probably ask you some interesting questions, so don't be afraid to stop reading and explore these further! Please refer to the termly reading homework sheet for guidance.

## **Parent Readers**

If you would like to volunteer as a parent helper to support reading in year 4 please contact the office. This would involve listening to children read and asking questions to check understanding. Any time you can give to help would be greatly appreciated.

## **PE**

Outdoor PE lessons will take place on Monday afternoons ( weather dependent). Please ensure that children bring appropriate kit to school for all PE lessons, including enrichment activities on Wednesday afternoons. If you are unsure of what needs to be included in your child's PE kit, please do not hesitate to ask.

For other subjects, please see the Curriculum Overview, attached. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on the playground at the end of the day or book an appointment via the office.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Raggett & Miss Cservenka/ Mrs McKay

## History



- Key events during the Industrial Revolution
- Technological development: inventions during the Victorian Era

## Geography



- Where in Britain did the Industrial Revolution take place?
- Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom

## DT



- Inventing, designing and creating prototypes
- Make a torch for the main character in *Cogheart*

## French

- Transport & weather
- Classroom phrases

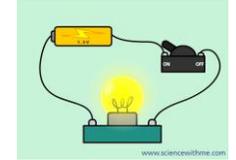


## Writing

- Note-taking
- Persuasive posters
- Explanation text
- Narrative inspired by Cogheart



## Science



- Exploring and experimenting with Electricity
- Investigating and understanding Sound

## Art



- Art work inspired by L. S. Lowry
- Exploring perspective
- Colour mixing

# Year 4 Creative Curriculum INNOVATION Spring Term

## Music



- Composing & performing
- Listening and appreciating

## ICT



- Scratch- visual programming software