

What can I do to help my child?

- ✓ Practise times tables to 12x12.
- ✓ Practise telling the time and working out lengths of time. Eg. If Bake Off is on at 8pm and it is now 7.25pm, how long will you have to wait?
- ✓ Encourage your child to handle money and practise working out change due.
- ✓ Read with your child at least three times a week and discuss storylines and characters, and make predictions about what might happen next.
- ✓ Practise weekly spellings for test on a Friday.
- ✓ Mark homework with your child (answers in the back of the book)
- ✓ Discuss family history relating to World War One
- ✓ Encourage your child to bring the correct equipment into school

Creative Arts

On a Monday afternoon, Class 4 will be joined by Year 4 for Creative Arts. This term we will be looking at poppies in advance of the First World War Armistice in November. The children will create poppy inspired artwork using a range of mix media including paint, pastels, clay and textiles. The children will also have the opportunity to bake and enjoy traditional cake recipes from the turn of the last century during Afternoon Tea with Mrs Williams.

Music and Young Voices

'The Lark Ascending' by Vaugh Williams will provide the basis of our music lessons for this half term. The children will learn about this very popular piece of Classical music that was written in 1914 and use it to compose music of their own using both pitched and unpitched percussion. Young Voices will take place in Birmingham on Friday 25th January 2019 (more details to follow). Class 4 will join with Class 3 every Monday afternoon to learn the lyrics and dance moves for this exciting event.

Topic (History and Geography)

Our topic for this term is the First World War. This has been sensitively planned so the children can explore primary resources and consider the impact these had upon people's lives without confronting the true horror of war. The children will recreate propaganda posters before designing posters of their own. They will look at an original Princess Mary's Christmas Box and compare it to a modern facsimile. They will consider the impact these gifts had on soldiers' morale and discuss what soldiers might have kept in these boxes, before deciding what treasures they might keep in such a box. In October, Mr Mclean, has kindly agreed to teach the children some drill so they can experience what it feels like to march. Miss Brody-Murphy from the Bromyard branch of the British Legion will join the children just before half term to teach them how to make poppies from pop bottles and create an art installation in time for Remembrance Sunday.

World War One Artefacts

Do you have any First World War artefacts or books that we could use in school to create a display? Items from World War One help to deepen the children's understanding and will be treated with the upmost care and respect. Please make sure any items coming into school are clearly labelled and that your child can talk about the history and significance of the artefact.

Any age appropriate books would also be gratefully received.

RE

Throughout the Autumn Term, children will consider the Christian faith, and explore what Christians believe about God. The children will study poetry, stories, prayers, music and artwork as they compare the ways these ideas are expressed.

ICT

Children will learn Internet Safety and word processing skills with Miss Quigley



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class 4. This Autumn I have an exciting and challenging programme designed for the children details of which you will find below. If you have any concerns please drop into to see me from 8.30am before school or on a Monday or Wednesday immediately after school. If you require a longer discussion please contact Mrs Barwell to make an appointment.

Kindest Regards,
Mrs Roberts

ENGLISH

The children have all fountain pens and will be working hard on their handwriting and presentation skills this term. In grammar lessons the children will be looking at word classes and sentence construction and learning and using technical vocabulary to describe words and parts of sentences. This will help support and develop their writing skills. In guided reading the children will be studying 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo, as this links to our topic on the First World War. Mrs Dixon will teach comprehension skills on a Tuesday.

MATHEMATICS

- In Maths this term the children will cover topics on place value, negative numbers, rounding, the four rules and problem solving. They will have the opportunity to explore and develop their mathematical understanding through the use of concrete mathematical apparatus in practical sessions and drawing pictorial representations, before using their newly acquired skills to answer traditional style mathematical problems. The children will develop the ability to explain their thinking and justify their reasoning. Mrs Dixon will teach Geometry throughout the term, focusing on particularly on the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes, and angles.

Science

- In science the children will learn about the heart and the circulatory system. Using video clips and working models the children will learn how a heart works. They will have the opportunity to work scientifically, planning and conducting experiments to explore the effect of exercise on heart rates. They will also consider how to keep hearts healthy. In the second half term, the children will explore light.

PE and Forest School

Mrs Dixon will teach Gymnastics and Forest School on alternating Tuesday afternoons. The children will record these sessions in their homework diaries. For Forest School the children will need long trousers and long sleeved tops and wellingtons. As the weather cools down the children will need to bring several layers to help them keep warm and waterproofs should the weather become inclement. Class 4 from St. Michael's Bodenham will join in with Forest School sessions as we continue to build links between the two schools.

Adriano will teach team sports on a Thursday morning. Children should come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit ready to start promptly at 9:05am. It would be advisable to wear joggers and long sleeved sports tops on colder days. All children should bring a spare pair of socks on a Thursday as dewy mornings on the field can cause damp feet!