

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring Term 2010

Happy New Year!

It seems ...

We have another exciting term of learning coming up – our new topic is *How We Move!* through which we will be exploring the ways that motors have broadened our horizons over the past hundred years or so. As well as the historical and geographical aspects, we will be learning about electric motors and friction in science. The children will be undertaking an extended research project for the first time, producing presentations on Power Point on a subject of their choice related to our topic. There are also many opportunities for a bit of inventing ourselves in art and DT.

In English we will continue to work hard, learning more about story writing, information texts and play scripts. Guided Reading will continue every day in order to develop the children's comprehension skills. One change that we are making is to the spelling programme, as detailed on a separate letter, please can you continue to support your child as he/she practises their spellings.

Our maths topics will cover multiplication and division, measure, fractions and decimals and shape. We will continue our Times Table Challenge every other Tuesday (starting 5th January). By now, your child should be able to confidently recall any number in the 2,5 and 10 times tables at random, and have a working knowledge of the 3, 4, 6 times tables. During the spring term we will be looking more closely at 7,8 and 9 times tables in lessons.

In R.E. we will be looking at Christianity across the world for the whole of the spring term.

We will continue to do indoor P.E. on a Monday afternoon, this term we're improving our indoor athletics skills. On Wednesdays, 4VB will be going swimming for the first half of the term, then 4NN will follow. In the meantime, 4NN have the dubious pleasure (given the temperature outside) of learning Tag Rugby for the first time, which 4VB will catch up on later. Please, please ensure your child has kit that is suitable to the activity – it can be embarrassing and upsetting for them if they are left out.

We have been impressed with the work that the children have done in their Learning Logs so far this year, and we hope you have too! Some of the work we have seen has been outstanding with the children using lots of different ideas for presentation, they are certainly books that the children will be proud of at the end of the year. The children will continue to bring their books home with them every Wednesday and they are due back in, as with all homework, the following Monday.

Other highlights this term include 4VB's class assembly on Thursday 4th March, to which parents are welcome at 9.10am. We also plan to team up with Years 3 and 5 to work on another spectacular production ... although Joseph will take some beating!

With such a busy term ahead, we look forward to high achievement and lots of enjoyment!

With best wishes,

Miss N Noble and Miss V Brittain