

10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Spring Term Newsletter 2020

Dear Y4 Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope has been a restful and enjoyable break. Thank you all so much for your kind and generous gifts that you gave last term.

### Topic

This week the children have enjoyed studying their second history focus days learning about the 'Golden Age of Islam'. Our topic for next half term will be Christianity and we are currently planning a class visit to Buckfast Abbey. An information letter will go out to you all by email next week. We look forward to sharing our learning with you on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March in our Sharing assembly.

### Literacy

Please continue to read regularly at home and sign reading records at least 5 times a week to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a book token. Please can all reading records and books be in school every day.



Our literacy and language genre for this half term is based on a fiction/narrative verse story called 'The Bogey Men and the Trolls Next Door' by Kaye Umansky. We will explore the language in the story, use evidence from the text to explore the characters, and write a new story using some of the characters including comical images, extra information in brackets and using the first person past tense. Literacy homework will continue every two weeks starting from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

New spelling lists for this half term have been handed out this week. Please continue to practise these each week and hand in on a Monday for checking.

### Maths

This term, we will be:

- \*calculating using addition and subtraction
- \*learning and using the 6,7,9,11,12 times tables and division facts
- \*learning about division with remainders

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- \*using the four operations to answer word problems.
- \*practising telling the time and solving time word problems.
- \*multiplying and dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers

We will have a mini-test every two weeks and times tables tests throughout most weeks.

### **Science**

Our topics will be the human body (including the digestive system) and then electricity. We will understand electrical safety, investigate conductors, and will build increasingly complex circuits.

### **Modern Foreign Language**

This term we will be learning French with a focus on parts of the body and clothes.

### **PSHE**

Our focus as a school within Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education this term is on 'Keeping Myself Safe'.

As ever, please feel free to contact me if and when needed.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Russell

