**Class 4 Foxes**



 

 **Newsletter**

 **Spring 2**

Hello and welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term, we are now in Spring 2 and even though this term is a little bit shorter than usual, our term will still be jam packed with lots of learning including fundraising events for the PTA, a school trip and lots more!

At the beginning of each term, I will upload the new term documents to the class page on the website, these will include everything that you and your child need to know ready for the upcoming term including:

* Medium term plan which says what we will be covering in each subject
* Newsletter with important dates for the term
* Weekly spellings for the term
* Knowledge Organisers for Topic, science, and Computing. These have useful facts and vocabulary on them to help support the children’s learning throughout the term.

**Topics we will be learning in Spring!**

During our Spring 2 term, we are going to continue to learn about the Titanic, I am delighted that this is quickly becoming one of our classes favourite topics! Last term we focussed on the history side of the Titanic whereas this term we are going to take more of a Geography focus and look at the journey of the Titanic and its destinations.

During science this term children are going to continue to explore a variety of ways to identify, sort, group and classify living things. Children are going to do a lot of practical science lessons this term including a mini beast hunt and a habitat survey.

For the topics children will be covering in all other subjects please make sure to have a look at the **Medium-Term Plan which is on our class page on the school website.**

**PE and Swimming in Class 4**

Class 4 are going to be continuing their swimming this term on a Wednesday afternoon at Alfreton Leisure Centre, this will be led by swimming instructors from the leisure centre and teachers from school. Children will take the coach to Alfreton leisure centre at 2pm and will return to school for 3:30. **Please can you be mindful in regards to parking on the road outside school at the end of the day as the bus will be returning from the leisure centre and will need to turn round on the road.**

Alongside Class 4 having swimming lessons this half term they will also be having two PE lessons in school. One of these will take place on a Tuesday morning with Mr Woodhouse and the other will be taking place on a Wednesday morning with a special visitor who is coming in to teach the children martial arts. Therefore, children need to wear their PE kits to school on a Tuesday and a Wednesday this term.

**Reading expectation in school and at home**

In school children will be part of a guided reading group and will also have the opportunity to read individually to an adult at school. They will be expected to read at least 3 times a week at home, but **5 times is the ideal**. It does not always have to be their reading book, it may be a book of their own choice, a comic or even a newspaper. **It would be helpful if reading at home was recorded in their reading record by either the child an adult.**

Reading in KS2 is not just about fluency it is also about comprehension and understanding of the text, reading comprehension is something that we will be focussing on a lot this term in Class 4. Children who impress an adult in their daily guided reading sessions will receive a raffle ticket that goes into a termly raffle for the chance to win a book token at the end of each half term!

Please can children remember to bring their reading packets into school every day. Towards the end of last term we had lots of children who were forgetting their reading packets which meant that any reading that was done in school was unable to be recorded and any important information such as dates and homework is also missed.

**Every Friday** I will check the reading children have done at home, any parent notes that have been written in there and I will also write down their homework, spelling rule and times table for the following week.

**Homework in Class 4**

There is a continued expectation that your child logs onto **Bug club, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed at home**. (If your child’s Bug Club or TT Rockstar’s needs updating with new books or resources, please speak to me so I can add them)

Homework this term will continue to be set using the platforms **SumDog or Spelling Shed.** Sumdog is an online maths programme linking to the work we are doing in our maths lessons and Spelling shed links to the children’s weekly spellings. Homework will not be set every week but when it is I will write it in your child’s reading record and also send out a text. If your child has struggled with the homework for that week, I will hold an intervention session during assembly one day to go through it with them.

Every Friday I check which children have logged on and completed their homework, if homework is continuously not completed conversations with parents will be had to see how we can best support your child going forward.

**Pencil Cases**

Last term as a class we decided that pencil cases were only going to be used at specific times of the day, this worked well last term and caused a lot less disruption during our lessons. This is something we are going to continue this term, pencil cases are still allowed to be brought into school, however they are to stay in bags unless it is busy time, golden time or wet break time.

**School Trip**

On the 14th March Class 4 will be going on a school trip to the justice museum in Nottingham. A letter detailing more information will be handed out in the coming days. To try and get the cost of our trip down we have decided that as a class we would like to hold a bake sale on Monday 4th March, any money that is raised from this will go towards our school trip to try and minimise costs. Once the bake sale has been done a letter will also be handed out on Monday 4th March detailing the price of the trip and a permission slip.

**Other useful information**

* If possible, could all uniform and water bottles please be **labelled!** Children will keep their jumpers on their pegs if they take them off and their water bottles will stay on their desks throughout the day. However, making sure everything is labelled just ensures no mix ups at home time!
* Mrs Pepper will teach the children for my PPA on a Thursday afternoon.
* Mrs Pepper will be helping out in Class 4 every morning
* **Every Friday** children will have a weekly spelling test and TT Rockstars test. Children have been given their weekly spellings for the term and the times table they need to practice for TT Rockstars is on the math’s section of the medium-term plan. I will send a text message home every Friday letting you know your child’s spelling score.
* On the South Wingfield website, we have a class page. At the beginning of term, I will upload all the term documents to this page and then throughout the term I will upload photos and videos of things that we get up to in Class 4! If you would like to have a look at these, you can find out class page under. Children- Class pages- Class 4 Foxes.

 **Diary Dates**

**Please go onto the school website and look at the whole school newsletter or calendar for any important dates this term. You can find both of these under the parents tab. If there are any important dates relating to our class, I will also add these to our newsletter.**

**Monday 4th March- Class 4 bake sale**

**Tuesday 5th March- David Neiper Concert for Y4 children**

**Thursday 7th March- World Book Day- Children to wear pyjamas**

**Thursday 14th March- C4 trip to Justice Museum**

**Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March- Parents Evening**

**Monday 18th March- HSBC workshop**

If you have any questions regarding anything discussed in this newsletter, please feel free to drop me an email.

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I will respond to your query as soon as possible. However, I am teaching on arrival at school and throughout the day. If you email after 6pm, the message may not be seen until the next day. Therefore, if you need an urgent response, please phone the school office on 01773 832890

Best wishes

Miss Wareham