

# Class 4 Newsletter

## Welcome!

We want to share with you what the children will be learning over the next half term! We are really excited that in Year 4 we will be basing our work around Homework on Pluto.

## Core subjects

In Maths, we will be looking at perimeter and area of shapes as well as delving further into written multiplication and division. As we moved further into Year 4 we will be using our reasoning and problem solving skills further.

In English, we will begin by identifying the key features of a letter, planning, drafting and editing a letter from Antarctica. Over the final three weeks, we will then move onto newspaper reports.

In Science, we are delving into the life of plants. We will be identifying the key features and describing their functions. The children will be carrying out experiments and observing over time to identify what plants need to grow well. They will also investigate how water is transported in plants.

## Wider Curriculum

In Geography, we are looking at the human and physical geography of Antarctica and understanding the impact that global warming will have on it.

In History, we are looking at Ernest Shackleton and the significance of his life. This will provide opportunity for research to identify his key achievements.

In Art, linking to our topic - we will be planning and sketching Antarctic scenes.

In DT, we will be designing a place for sunflowers to grow in Antarctica linking our Science topic of plants.

In RE, we are looking at religious festivals and celebrations.

In computing, the children will be using a range of commands to control Lego turtle.

In PE, Year 4 have the pleasure of Elite who are delivering tag rugby this half term. We will also continue with our weekly swimming sessions every Thursday.

Finally, in French, this term we will be learning the seasons and different types of weather.

## Homework

Homework will be given to your child on a Friday and is due back in on the following Thursday. Homework is an important aspect of learning which develops a good routine as they move further up school.

Reading, spellings and timetables will be given weekly. Literacy and Numeracy homework will be given on alternate weeks as well as a termly more creative task.



## P.E.

- Tuesday PE kits needed for Elite
- Thursday Swimming kits needed

## How you can help your child:

- Encourage and help with homework
- Read daily with them and write your comments in their reading records
- Test them on their spellings

## Key dates:

- Young Voices Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January (choir members only)