

## Summer Term Class Newsletter Miss Hopper's class.

### A note from Miss Hopper

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you've all had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. We are now heading into our final term of the year, which is always a special time. I'm excited to be finishing the year with Year 4 as it's been fantastic watching everyone grow in confidence, develop skills, and support one another. I'm incredibly proud of everything they've achieved so far.

This term, we have lots of exciting learning planned across all our subjects, along with some fun activities and opportunities to celebrate all your hard work.

#### **English**

We are reading 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna where we will be writing a diary entry in role as a refugee and also a narrative that tells the story of a refugee and their experience fleeing their home.

#### **This term in class, we are reading...**

'The Peculiar Tale of the Tentacle Boy' by Richard Pickard

'Food Chains: Who eats what?' By Sam Hutchinson and Sarah Dennis

'Refugees' by Brian Bilston

These three texts are a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

#### **Maths**

In maths we will be focusing on:

- Decimals
- Time
- Capacity
- Statistics
- Shape
- Money

**The class will take the statutory multiplication check in June (MTC) so there will be a focus on remembering the tables in the coming weeks**

#### **Science**

In science, we will begin the term with a physics unit focused on 'Sound'. The children will explore how sound travels to our ears and will complete an investigation on how the distance a sound travel affects the volume.

We will then move on to learning about food chains in our biology unit where we will understand producers and consumers and create our own food chains.

#### **History**

In history this term we will be learning about the Golden Age of Ancient Greece and exploring democracy and philosophy from this fascinating period of history.

In the second half term we will be learning about Alexander the Great and his conquest of the Persian Empire.

#### **Geography**

In geography this term we will be learning all about volcanoes and will explore different types of volcanoes and what happens when they erupt!

In the second half of the term, we will be learning about climates and biomes and how these differ across the continents of the world.

#### **Other curriculum information:**

##### Homework

Homework will be given out each **Friday** and should be returned before the **following Friday**. The homework will always be linked to something we are studying in class.

##### Home Reading

Please listen to your child read **at least three times per week** for 15 minutes and record it in their school diary. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read and need to be in school **every Thursday** to be checked by Mr Mallalieu.

##### TT Rock stars and Spelling tests.

##### Compulsory homework

Children are expected to complete **20 minutes** of TT Rockstar games which will be set **each week**. This is checked weekly and must be completed by Friday. **Pupils will need to complete this Friday dinner time if not completed at home.**

##### Spellings

Pupils will be given ten spellings to learn every **Monday** for a spelling test the following Monday. **The pass mark is 7/10.**

#### **Other curriculum information**

**Skills Builder-** Our focus skills this term is aiming high and problem solving. The children will complete tasks that will support them to develop these skills and be given opportunities in lessons to exercise them.

**Art and Design-** In art this term, Y4 will create their own ancient scrolls inspired by the Egyptians and will research and analyse the fabric designs of William Morris. In design and technology, the children will develop their textiles skills with the application of fastenings and in the final half term will create their own torches.

**Computing** – This term, we will continue to focus on online safety and will explore the weather as part of our data handling topic. We will also be learning about how to design a website as part of the topic, 'Creating media'.

**PSHE** – During this term we will be continuing with My Happy Mind where the focus will be 'Engage'. In PSHE We will also be exploring the themes of keeping safe and exploring how we grow and change and will also be learning about economic wellbeing. Y4 will have their first Money Mentors session.

**PE-** Y4 pupils will be doing athletics and tennis with Mr Broughton.

**RE** – During the first half term, we will be exploring prayer across different faiths in our 'What is prayer topic?' and in the second half term we are researching the different faith communities in our town as part of our 'How are faith communities represented in Wigan?' topic.

**Music-** We will continue with their Wider Opportunities music lessons with the fabulous Mr Perry! There will be another concert to look forward to for parents in the final half term.

**Spanish-** This term, we will explore how to talk about pets in Spanish and will continue to develop our phonics knowledge.