

Year 4 Newsletter

New Topic

As you will be aware, we are now moving onto a new topic area in Year 4. This term we are covering The Shang Dynasty. As this term progresses we will be having a visitor in school to work with the children doing some counting and some brush painting. In addition to this we will start to look at a traditional Chinese story (The Willow Pattern) covering the comprehension and sequencing of the story. This is planned to build up to coincide with the Chinese New Year (16th February).

Before we move onto that story we are going to cover a story called Wonder by R.J Palacio. Again we will look at the structure and the style the story is written in, considering how the character may feel at certain points in his journey.

Our Science topics through to Easter will look at the digestive system and teeth initially. A topic looking at sound will follow this to take us up to Easter.

In Maths we will be developing knowledge within place value, addition and subtraction, properties of shape, multiplication and division, fractions and measurements looking at length. As is a key area within Year 4 we will continue to practice multiplication tables weekly as we have done through the year. We have covered multiplication tables through to the 12x table up to 12x12.

Homework and Spellings

New spellings and tests will follow the same routine as last term. New lists will be given out on a Tuesday with the test being the following Monday. The children are now all familiar with the rewards system for Spellings requiring 3 consecutive tests of full marks on a test. Raffle tickets for our everyday reward system will be awarded for full marks on individual texts.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday. While most children bring these back over staggered days through the week can I request these are all handed in by Thursday of the following week at the latest please? This allows me the opportunity to mark homework before setting the next homework. This becomes difficult to turn around from a time perspective if I receive lots of homework on the Friday morning when trying to get them back to children the same day.

P.E

It is planned that both P.E sessions this first half term will be indoor sessions. Tuesday's will be based within Gymnastics with Mr Bingley. On a Friday we are now starting to look at dance, based towards the Shang topic.

Library Visits

During the next term we are booked in to visit the library on the afternoons of the 29th January and then again on the 12th March. I still have a large amount of library cards for the children and will continue to keep these within school to use on these visits.

Mr Williams