



## Welcome to Class Four and the Spring term!

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school after a lovely Christmas holiday. Thank you very much for all your support with our 'Lights, Camel, Action!' nativity and all the lovely, thoughtful cards and presents we were lucky to receive. We really appreciate it!

A big thank you for all the amazing **Fighting Fit** topic homework! The children have just loved sharing their homework with the class. They have been so proud of their work and we thank you so much for your continued support. The children have all worked very hard and have loved learning and writing all about being healthy!

We hope you are as excited about returning to Class Four! We have lots of fun and exciting topics this year, beginning with 'The Great Fire of London'



This half term we will teach your children about the key events of the Great Fire of London, and help them develop an understanding of the ways in which we can find out about the past through discussing primary sources. We will be learning about Samuel Pepys and writing our very own diary! There are some amazing and very child friendly website for you and your children to explore if you would like.

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil\\_war\\_revolution/launch\\_an\\_fire\\_london.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/civil_war_revolution/launch_an_fire_london.shtml)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/samuel\\_pepys/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/samuel_pepys/)

If possible, if you have any Great Fire of London fact books or resources we would love to share these in class, we will take good care of them! Thanks in advance.

We will also have a visit from the local fire brigade regarding Fire Safety at home and to find out about the job of a modern firefighter and the equipment they use.

### Overview of subjects this term:

English	Diary Writing Poems on a Theme- Senses poetry Range of Non-fiction Texts
Maths	Number and Place value Mass/Weight 2-D and 3-D shape Counting and Money Multiplication Division
Science	Everyday Materials and uses of everyday materials
Computing	CS – Computational Thinking / Programming
RE	Jesus friend to everyone

Topic	The Great Fire of London Design and Technology: Mechanisms (pop-ups and simple levers) History: Chronology and Events, People and Changes
PE	Dance and Gymnastics
Music	Experimenting with and creating musical patterns
PSHE	Humility

Throughout the week, we are very lucky to be supported in Class Four by **Miss Bateman**. **Mr Prior** will teach your children **French, Music and Science** on a **Thursday Morning**.

Please can children bring in the following items every day:

- **Named water bottles** The children can access their water bottle throughout the day and they will change their water regularly.
- **Book bags**
- **Reading book and record**
- **Warm, waterproof coats!**

If you have a spare pair of **wellies** at home, it would be brilliant if your child could leave them in school all term. These will be really useful for playtime and our exciting science investigations! Please name all wellies and bring them in a plastic bag which will be kept safely on your child's peg.

**P.E** will be on a **Tuesday Morning** and **Friday Morning**. Please can all long hair be tied up and earrings removed on these days. Please can all children have their full P.E kit (including labelled t-shirt, shorts and pumps) in school all term. This kit will be sent home at half-term to be washed!

Each week children will have set **homework** that will reinforce work that the children have already been taught. Homework will be given out on a **Thursday** to be returned the following **Thursday**. All children will receive **Phonics** and half termly **Topic** homework. This is also available on our website in case you need it. Of course, the children will be expected to read their reading books as often as possible. Reading books are changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Holmes (our lovely Class Four volunteer) will read with the children on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon, so it would be wonderful if all children could have their books in on this day. It is very important homework is completed for further practice and returned back to school in their homework folders.

Rainbow the Toy Monkey will go home with a superstar for the weekend! Please take photographs, draw pictures and write about your exciting adventures if possible!

As you know, all the children are now in the teams: **Courage, Honour, Respect and Trust**. Please remember your badges every day!

**We are looking forward to a great and exciting Spring term in Class 4!**

Please feel free to pop in or catch me in the playground if you have any concerns or queries.

Best Wishes,

**Mr J. Dixon**