



## Welcome to Class Four and the Spring term!

Welcome back to School, as we make our way through Lent and look forward to Easter I would like to thank you for your continued support last half term. The children have settled quickly back into school and are ready for the half term ahead. I am very excited about all the interesting subject areas we will be learning about this term!

This half term our topic is all about **Explorers!**



2018 has marked the release of Peter Rabbit the Movie and 152 years since the birth of Beatrix Potter, one of the world's best-loved children's authors, who has captured our imagination for over 100 years with her beautifully illustrated Tales. In our **English lessons**, we will be learning all about **Beatrix Potter** and **Peter Rabbit**, who is an

explorer too! If you have any books please bring them in for us to share together!

You can explore the websites below for lots of fun ideas to do at home and games to play online.

<http://www.peterrabbit.com/en>

<http://www.peterrabbitclub.com/>



### Subjects this term:

<b>English</b>	Stories by the same author- Beatrix Potter Non-chronological reports- Explorers: Neil Armstrong/ Christopher Columbus
<b>Maths</b>	Number and Place value Mass/Weight 2-D and 3-D shape Counting and Money Multiplication Division
<b>Science</b>	Uses of Everyday Materials
<b>Computing</b>	Programming: Using Scratch Jr
<b>RE</b>	Jesus: A friend to everyone
<b>Topic Explorers</b>	History: Significant people - Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus Design and Technology: Mechanisms - wheels and axles
<b>PE</b>	Dance and Gymnastics
<b>Music</b>	'Everyday Explorers'- Exploring sounds created by using percussion and everyday objects.
<b>PSHE</b>	Healthy Lifestyles and Prayer including Thankfulness/ Forgiveness

Throughout the week, we are very lucky to be supported in Class Four by **Miss Bateman**.

**Mr Prior** will teach your children **Science, Music and French** on **Thursday mornings**. Just a reminder... 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
- **Reading book and record-** especially on Monday, Wednesday and Friday please.
- **Warm, waterproof coats-** it's getting colder!
- **Spelling lists on a Friday** (to update)

P.E will continue on **Friday Mornings** and This half term we will be Swimming on a Wednesday 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. Can children also ensure they have their swimming kit in school on Wednesday mornings.

Another reminder...

Each week children will have set **homework** that will reinforce work that the children have already been taught. Homework will be given out on **Thursday** to be returned the following **Thursday**. Year One and Two receive **Phonics** and half termly **Topic** homework.

It is very important homework is completed for further practice and returned back to school in their homework folders. 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 volunteer) will read with the children on Wednesday and Friday afternoons so it would be great if all children could have their books in on this day.

Thank you for all your support with the spelling lists each week. We use these spellings within our SPaG lessons. Please ensure spellings are in on Fridays (or before) so that we can change these ready for the following week.

Thank you very much for all the 'Great Fire of London' homework we have received over last half term. The children love to share their homework with each other. They have been so proud of their work and we thank you so much for your continued support.

This week, a new homework grid will go home. This will be all about our new topic '**explorers**'. Thank you in advance.

Inside the reading record, we have attached your child's **Mathletics** username and password. We will be using Mathletics in our daily maths lessons and would be grateful if you could complete some of the activities at home too! It is lots of fun and the children love receiving their bronze, silver and gold certificates!

We are looking forward to another busy spring term in Class Four! Please feel free to pop in or catch me on the playground if you have any concerns or queries.

Best Wishes,

Mr J. Dixon

