

Year 4 Spring Term Letter

Hello and welcome back. I hope you have all had a great Christmas and are ready for the start of an exciting new term.

Literacy

Our main texts this term are 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo, 'The Baker by the Sea' by Paula White and 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis.

Numeracy

We will be looking at fractions, measurement, time and money. We will end the term by recapping place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

Science

States of Matter - what are the states of matter, the weight of gases, changing states of matter and the water cycle.

Electricity - mains and battery power, components of an electrical circuit, creating a simple circuit, finding faults, using switches insulators and conductors.

Geography

Rivers and Coasts - features of a river, flooding, the River Tees, erosion and deposition, oxbow lakes, waterfalls, coastlines, how coastlines are shaped, preventing coastal erosion and human uses of the coast.

Art/DT - drawing and designing and making a torch.

PE - Health-related fitness, hockey, skipping, tag, rugby and badminton. All children should come to school in their PE kit for lessons on **Monday** and **Thursday**.

Commando Joe's - Ed Stafford, Walking the Amazon mission.

Religious Education - What kind of world did Jesus want? Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

Music - The Doot Doot song, Fanfare and music inspired by Spain.

PSHE - Keeping myself safe and rights and responsibilities.

French - 'Mon anniversaire' and 'Le Monde'.

Computing - programming in Scratch and animation.

Homework - Spelling words are handed out at the start of every half term and tested every

Friday. Each week, a new challenge will be put on Spelling Shed linked to that week's spellings.

It is important that your child practises their times tables regularly. Please encourage them to use Times Tables Rock Stars for this. Every Friday, the children will complete a times tables test to move up our challenge ladder.

Reading - Reading at home helps children to build on the skills they are learning at school. Once a child has read three times, they can earn a house point. This can be any reading to an adult, including their school reading book, a book from home or a recipe when cooking.

We are very lucky to have Mrs Cramman working in our class this term.

Mrs Bell and Mrs Cramman will continue to teach the class on a Tuesday afternoon.

I am looking forward to the term ahead. Please feel free to come and ask me any questions or discuss any concerns you may have.

Mrs McIntosh