

Class 4 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back for the Summer term! Lots of learning and new experiences are outlined below.

Curriculum Overview:

Maths: For our summer term in maths we will cover shape, space, measure and statistics. This includes; measuring and calculating angles, calculating the area of rectangles, drawing and decomposing shapes, among other topics. There is time set aside for Year 6 to prepare and revise for their SATs examinations while Year 5 apply their knowledge so far to reasoning and problem solving activities.

English: Our writing this term is guided by our learning in other curriculum areas, as we create information and explanation texts on the subject of electricity (science) and crime & punishment (history). Narrative writing this term is inspired by the short film "Ruin". SPaG this term focusses on the sentence level, considering tenses and clauses. Finally, our guided reading continues with a focus on answering specific question types with reference to a text.

Science: In science, we study the topics of electricity and light. We start by recapping the unique properties of some materials as electrical conductors, and make use of this to build and test a range of different circuits, representing our work using circuit diagrams. We will also learn about electrical safety in a range of scenarios. In light, we will identify that light travels in straight lines from a source, and investigate how this allows us to see.

Topic: Crime & Punishment takes centre stage this term for our history topic as we study the changes in this aspect of our social history which extends our chronological knowledge beyond 1066. In geography, students develop their fieldwork skills to observe, measure and record features of the local area.

RSHE: This term, our RSHE work is led by the SCARF curriculum, and focusses on "valuing difference". We will examine the qualities of a good friend and a good listener, as well as how to value and respect people who are different from us.

PE: Sports covered as part of our PE offer this term include rounders, cricket, athletics and orienteering. Students will develop their knowledge of different roles in team games and select different paces for different athletic disciplines. **Please note that P.E. is now scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays each week.**

Computing: Our focus in computing this term is on programming, where we cover two different units on the use of repetition and loops within code. This will allow us to draw different shapes and create simple games.

RE: Our Christian Value for this term is peace. Our RE lessons focus on the Kingdom of God and leaders in Islam and Buddhism.

D&T: To support our science learning, design and technology this term focusses on building "buzzer mazes" applying our knowledge of circuits.

Art: In art, we focus on landscapes using watercolours, inspired by the work of William Heaton Cooper.

French: We cover two units of work in French this term - music & musical instruments and counting from 1-60 & telling the time.

Teaching in Class 4: Mr Dean is the main lead for teaching in Class 4. Some lessons are also taught by Mrs Farraday & Mrs Craggs. The class is supported by our wonderful range of Levens School teaching assistants in different ways throughout each week.

PE: PE lessons are scheduled to take place on **Monday and Tuesday afternoons**. A light waterproof and spare socks are recommended, as P.E. sessions still go ahead if it is raining. Trainers are also essential - pupils are not allowed to wear school shoes in P.E. lessons. Studded and bladed boots are also not appropriate. Please make sure P.E. kit is in school every day if possible, in the event that session timings need to be changed at short notice.

Reply slips and payments should be placed in the classroom box by pupils before the morning register is taken - late additions may not be processed until the following day.

Equipment: Children in Class 4 often enjoy having their own pencil case in school. If this is the case, **please ensure that it contains essential items**. This includes a writing pencil, ruler, sharpener and rubber. We often find that children have plenty of rarely-used colouring pens but no pencil to write with! Toys and 'fidget' items are not allowed in class without permission from the class teacher. This includes blue-tack and putty.

Homework: Pupils have a homework diary, reading record, spelling book and homework folder. There will usually be a Maths, English and Topic task to complete each week, due in on Friday mornings. In preparation for secondary school, it is each pupil's responsibility to keep their homework safe and complete it on time. Support from parents in managing this is greatly appreciated. Please also note that we have a limited supply of homework diaries, folders etc. and so these cannot always be replaced when lost. **TTRockstars, IDL, Spelling & Reading** are also part of weekly homework, and there is an expectation that these tasks are completed with a "little and often" approach. If homework is regularly forgotten or not completed to a high standard, children may be required to complete this in their own time during the school day. I will contact you if I have any concerns.

Patterdale Hall Residential: Thank you to everyone for your payments so far. We have estimated that the full cost of the trip will be £210, therefore please forward any outstanding payment to the office by Friday 29th April. If you are unsure of the amount that is still due, please get in touch with Mrs Coker via the office email account.

Crime & Punishment Trip: This term we are planning to visit Ripon Museums for a "Crime & Punishment" day to support our learning in History. The date for this trip will be **Tuesday 24th May** and will have a subsidised cost of £25 per child. Look out for an information letter from school.

SATS: End of KS2 examinations are scheduled to go ahead between Monday 9th and Friday 13th of May. All year 6 students are invited to attend our "breakfast club" from 8.15AM Monday to Thursday of that week.

Arithmetic Boosters: The additional sessions for year 6 continue on a Thursday right up until the examinations. Thank you for your continued support with these.

Contact: If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me at class4@levens.cumbria.sch.uk and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Urgent queries or information, including drop-off and pick-up arrangements, should always be sent to office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk

I look forward to an exciting term ahead! - M. Dean