

 **Class 4 Newsletter**

**Term**

Be the BEST You Can Be

*Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Collossians 3:23*

WELCOME!
Welcome to the start of the new term- and what a start! The children all look great in their uniforms and are very enthusiastic about the new topics that we have planned for this term.

This term the children are going to have an exciting, fun and exhilarating experience where themes are explored from World War II to Sound in Science.

As ever, if you have any worries or questions relating to your child and need a little more time, please do not hesitate to arrange a time to talk. It is important for us all that your children are happy at school, so please keep us informed of any concerns, no matter how small. Mrs Dobson

What we are learning
Our topic this term is ‘Bombers and Black-Outs’.

In English, we will be looking at and writing newspaper reports. The children will be reporting live from the Bath Blitz, the children will also be writing diary account looking at what it was like to be an evacuee child.

In maths, the children will be revisiting place value and looking at addition and subtraction using the column method.

In science the children will be learning all about sound, they will be investigating how sounds are made, looking at vibrations, pitch and volume.

In RE the children will learn about the creation story and what Christians learn from it. We will look at story of Adam and Eve and the Ten Commandments. Children will explore and begin to understand that the Bible guides Christians through their life.

In History the children will learn about World War II in a topic called ‘Bombers and Black-Outs’. The children will be looking at what life was like in Britain in the 1930’s and the life of evacuees. Throughout the term we will be learning about the significant events of World War II and building a timeline to reflect this.

In PSHE we will learn about ‘Being me in my world’. Children will be talking about Rights and Responsibilities, Rewards and Consequences.

In Music the children will be learning the song ‘Mamma Mia’ by the Swedish Pop Supergroup ‘Abba’.

In DT pupils will be making Anderson Shelters and will test the structures to see how strong they are.

In PE we will be learning how to throw and catch and applying these skills to Cricket. The children will be working closely with a cricket coach.

In Computing the children will learn to turn a simple real-life situation into an algorithm, identify and fix errors within a program and use sounds and animation effects to manipulate graphics.

Useful Information

**PE**

Our regular PE days will be every Wednesday and Friday’s (Cricket). As it was so successful last year, children are to wear their PE kit in to school on these days to save changing. The PE kit should include a school burgundy t-shirt, black shorts/leggings and daps for outdoor activities. Lots of the class already have their burgundy school PE hoodies which is great to see! PE kit can be purchased online at: [https://gooddies.co.uk](https://gooddies.co.uk/)

Homework

For the first term, the class’ homework will be DT project to create an Anderson Shelter. Each week, there will be also spellings and times tables to be practiced which will be given on a Monday for a test on the Friday of that week.

**Useful dates:** End of term Friday 22nd October 2021

Reading and Times Tables

A big focus this year in year 4 and across the school is reading for pleasure, we are also looking to develop stamina and speed in reading alongside understanding what they have read. To support this, we are asking that every child continues to read 5 times a week, which can be your child reading to you or independent reading.

Please also remember to sign your child’s reading record and ensure it is brought into school everyday. We have a reading reward system, so that children are recognised for their efforts in reading at home.

This term, our class book will be: War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

**KIRF'S - Key Instant Recall Facts**

KIRFs are designed to support the development of the mental fluency skills that underpin much of the mathematics curriculum. They are particularly useful when calculating, be it adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. Time is to be given each week to ensure that the KIRF is practiced and learnt so that children begin to grow in confidence and recall facts instantly. Please practise this terms KIRF with your child at home. This terms KIRF is the 6x tables.

Pencil cases

As we are trying to limit the number of items being brought in to school, pupils will have their own set of resources for them to use in their trays – pencils, pen, ruler, rubber, etc. As it’s important that these are not shared, pupils do not need to bring in their own pencil cases.

Water Bottles

It is very important that the children have fresh water each day and whilst we have a water fountains in school, it is much more convenient to have a water bottle to hand in the classroom. Please can you ensure your child has one in school, with their name on, which they will need to take home each evening to wash and refill.