



Newsletter Year 4/5

Mr Casey

Autumn Term 2 2021

<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>
<p>We will be studying one book this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Firework-makers Daughter by Philip Pullman. <p>Within our literacy lessons the children will have the opportunity to write in a variety of styles. We will be looking at and writing, non-chronological reports, formal letters, narratives and character descriptions. Alongside our learning we will also use role play and other aspects of drama to demonstrate our understanding further.</p> <p><u>Whole Class Reading</u></p> <p>In our WCR lessons, we will learn and practice the skills of summarising, inferring, improving our word knowledge and understanding characters feelings and motives through reading some short texts and at times some longer texts.</p> <p>Some of the texts we will be looking at include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A Sprinkle of Sorcery by Michelle Harrison- The Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo	<p>We will follow Power Maths, which will include these maths topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adding and subtracting- Graphs and tables- Multiplication and division- Area and perimeter  <p>Each week, we will complete timed multiplication grids two times a week, as well as additional sessions to focus on times table skills.</p> <p>It is essential that children know their times tables facts to help with their maths learning.</p>
<u>History/Science</u>	<u>Other Information</u>
<p>This term in our History we will be focusing on the topic 'The Shang Dynasty' of China.</p> <p>We will be learning the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Where and when the Shang Dynasty took place.- What life was like during the time.- Find out about religious beliefs.- Learn about the Oracle Bones.- Evaluating artefacts from the Shang Dynasty.- The unearthing of Fu Hao's tomb.  <p><u>Science</u></p> <p>In science we will be studying 'Properties of materials' and 'States of matter'.</p> <p>Within these topics, the children will have the opportunity to ask their own questions about what they observe, set up simple practical enquiries and tests, record findings as well as draw simple conclusions.</p>	<p><u>P.E:</u></p> <p>Our PE days will be Wednesday and Friday, we ask that children continue to come school in their PE kits on these days.</p> <p><u>Reading-</u></p> <p>I will allocate individual reading time throughout the week alongside our whole class guided reading sessions. Please make sure your child is also reading at home, you can add your child's video to their Dojo portfolio to earn extra 'Working at home' Dojos.</p> <p><u>Homework</u></p> <p>Spellings will be set on spelling shed every Monday. These will be learnt throughout the week in school, please encourage your child to practice their spellings on spelling shed throughout the week. Spellings will be then tested on the following Monday.</p> <p>Challenges will be set on Times Table Rockstar on a weekly basis. We will do a times table grid two times a week to check the children's progress.</p>