Newsletter Year 4

Miss Harrison

Summer Term 1 2023

English

We will be studying a book called Float by Daniel Miyares. Students will follow the story of a boy with a small paper boat and large imagination. At the end of the book, students will spend time writing their own narrative inspired by the book.

Whole Class Reading

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.

Some of the texts we will be looking at include:

- The Barnabus Project The Fan Brothers
- Marcia Williams

Maths

We will follow Power Maths, which will include these maths topics:

- Decimals
- Money
- Time



Each week, we will complete timed multiplication grids two times a week, as well as additional sessions to focus on times table skills.

It is essential that children know their times tables facts to help with their maths learning.

History/Geography/Science

History

In History this term we will be looking at Vikings. We will be finding out who the Vikings were and what their impact on Britain was. Students will be using their knowledge of Primary and Secondary sources to find out how we know where Vikings came from and where they settled. Students will also be looking at some of the effects that occurred under Viking Britain and will find out how it has impacted Britain today.

Geography

In Geography this term we will focusing on Land Settlements. Through use of digital and paper maps, children will investigate land use in different sized settlements and the ways in which settlements are linked together.

<u>Science</u>

In science we will be studying Light. Throughout our lessons we will be carrying out investigations to find out which materials are the most reflective and to find out about shadows and how they are made. We will also be focussing on our key vocabulary across the topic and understanding why it is important to use the correct terms.

Other Information

P.E:

Our PE days will be Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday we will be doing outdoor P.E and on Thursday it will be indoors. We ask that children continue to come school in their PE kits on these days. From 4th May students will be swimming on a Thursday which will replace a PE slot.

Reading-

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.

Homework

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.

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. They need to complete 30 minutes' worth. This will prepare them for their **national timetable assessment** which will occur towards the end of the year.