



## Cricket's Class Autumn 2018 Newsletter

Welcome everyone to Year 4 and to Cricket's class! I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved summer holiday and are ready for another year of learning. In addition to the hard work, I hope that there will be plenty of opportunities for fun and events which will make the coming year a memorable and enjoyable one for all. We are very lucky in Year 4 to have the support of our teaching assistant, Mrs Harwood, who will offer great support to myself and the children in their learning.

### Topic

Our theme for this term is based on World War One. Looking closely at the impact of this on aircraft development and the ways in which animals were used within the war effort. As part of this topic the children will also learn about the causes of the war and the countries involved in the conflict. As a school, we have been asked to create an art installation at Stanground St John's church as part of their centenary remembrance service which will be created this half-term. In addition to this, Year 4 and 5 pupils are going to be involved in a singing event within Peterborough to mark the centenary of the end of World War one. More details about this will follow in a separate letter further into the term.

### English

During this term we will look at information texts and World War One poets. The children will learn the features of these non-fiction text types and have lots of written and practical opportunities to practice, before completing the units with an independent piece of writing. In addition to these text types we will also visit fiction by looking at 'The Amazing Tale of Ali Pasha' by Michael Foreman. The children will also have daily spelling lessons, as well as there being a continued focus on handwriting and presentation.

### Maths

During this term we will be looking at many areas of maths. We will begin the term by recapping learning from Year 3. We will be consolidating our learning of three-digit numbers, addition and subtraction, as well as applying our counting in fours, eights and sevens to our times tables. We will then move on to increasing our knowledge of place value to four-digit numbers and the methods we use for addition and subtraction.





## P.E

During Year 4, we will be having P.E. sessions on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. A reminder about P.E kits. These are expected to be in school from Monday to Friday. Indoor kit should be a plain white or black polo shirt with black shorts. For outdoor P.E sessions, the children should ideally have a tracksuit, particularly in the cooler weather, and appropriate outdoor footwear. Outdoor P.E will take place unless the weather is extreme, so please make sure your child has plenty of layers, hats and gloves during the colder months. Hair **MUST** be tied back for P.E and **ALL** jewellery removed (or covered). Unless a written note is received, all children will be expected to take part in P.E. If they forget their kit, they will do the lesson in their uniform as far as is possible. **Children who repeatedly do not have the correct P.E. kit will receive a purple slip as it is part of their responsibility to make sure they have the equipment they need to participate in sports and games safely.**

## Wider Curriculum

As well as the already discussed learning, children will also be taking part in R.E, Art, D.T, Computing and Music lessons.

## Homework

Mathletics and Reading eggs homework will continue to be set for each child every week. Homework is set every for a half-term and is to be completed by the end of the term, giving the children plenty of time and flexibility to complete their work. In addition to this, children will be given weekly spellings to learn and they are expected to be learning their times tables and reading their books at home. Children will also continue to receive a half term homework project. This will be topic based and the children can present this in any way they wish. **It is expected that all children will complete their homework otherwise they will be required to attend homework club or they will receive a purple slip if incomplete.**

## General

Uniform - Please make sure that all items of uniform or equipment, including bags, are clearly named. Long hair should be tied back and short hair should be sensibly cut. Appropriate school shoes must also be worn.





It is expected for children to enter the school alone now they have entered Year 4. Allow your child to bring letters and dinner money into the classroom, encourage them to prepare their own P.E kit and remember letters, forms, homework etc. I am always happy to speak to parents at the end of the day and if there are any messages that must be passed on in the morning, either prepare a note or letter for the child to pass on to myself, or leave a message for me at the office.

I hope you find this newsletter helpful. If you have any further queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mrs Harwood at the end of the school day. Your support is very much appreciated.

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