



#### Year 4 Newsletter – Lent Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to you all! We have another busy but very exciting half term ahead of us because we will soon be going to Beaumanor Hall for our residential trip.

Here is what we will be learning about in Year 4 and as always, if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Read

#### **Maths**

- Multiplication and division
- Fractions

We will also be completing reasoning activities on each of these areas in order to promote the mastery of the Year 4 curriculum.

#### **Times Tables**

We will continue to prepare the children for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check assessment that all of the children will be completing during the Summer Term. We will be having a weekly test on a given times table and this half term we will be focusing on the 7x and 9x tables and corresponding division facts. The children will also be able to practice their times table skills by playing the Soundcheck Game on TT RockStars and it is recommended that the children play this game often, as it will prepare them for the format of the test at the end of the year. A good website for the children to use is the Daily Ten website which the children will be familiar with as we use this as part of our learning in school.

#### **English**

We will be reading Robin Hood and will focus on:

- Character descriptions
- Legends
- Comic Strips
- Non-chronological reports
- Poetry

In grammar we will focus on: apostrophes for plural possession, possession and contraction. We will also learn about punctuating direct speech and look at noun phrases and modifiers.

Our spellings will be words ending in -ous and some of the Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings.

#### **RE**

Our topic will be about the Local Church and Community and we will begin by looking at the different communities that we belong to. We will explore how Jesus chose people to work with him, talk about the parish community and the ministries within it. We will discuss how people within the parish serve the church community.

Our second topic is about the Eucharist and Relating to others. We will explore how we give and receive every day and the importance of this. We will learn about the Introductory and Communion Rite and the

Penitential Act. We will talk about how we can gather together in love with the people in our families and community.

### **Music**

We will continue to learn to play the ukulele and our topic will be 'I Can Read Music'. The children will learn how to play new chords and then how to change smoothly between them. They will also learn how to read a melody using TAB notation. They will then create, improve and perform to their peers a melody composed by themselves.

### **Science**

Our topic is States of Matter and the children will:

- Sort and describe materials
- Investigate gases
- Investigate materials as they change state
- Know how water changes state and evaporates
- Know the role of evaporation and condensation in the water cycle

### **Computing**

In our topic we will be using Scratch and will be:

- Writing and debugging a program using sequence, selection and repetition
- Working with variables
- Selecting appropriate visual block commands to create a sequence

### **Art/ Design and Technology**

In Design and Technology the children will be planning and making a Robin Hood style hat ready for them to wear during our residential trip to Beaumanor Hall.

### **Geography**

We will be focusing on a study of the region of Nottingham and this links to our work on the Legend of Robin Hood in English. The children will:

- Know the physical and human features of Nottingham now and in the past
- Compare and contrast the physical and human features of Nottingham now and in the past

### **PSHE**

Our topics are Difference and Diversity and Being Me.

### **Reminders**

- P.E – lessons will be on a Tuesday and a Thursday and the children should have their full indoor and outdoor P.E. kits available.
- Reading books – the children should be reading their allocated reading scheme book regularly at home and can change their book as often as they need to.
- Weekly tests – the children will have a spelling and times table test every Friday. A list of spellings and test details will be sent home at the beginning of each half term.
- Homework – homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday.