

# Class 4 Newsletter Second Autumn Half Term



## Message from Mrs Moorhouse.

Hello and welcome back! I hope you had a lovely break and are ready for the excitement of Christmas.

Mrs Luckman, Mrs Prickett, Miss Webster and Mrs Edwards are continuing to work with us this half term.

Please make sure your child brings their school bag and reading folder to school **every day**.

In **English** we will be learning about...

### Familiar Settings and Instructions

Discussing our sentences to check they make sense before writing.

Using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.

Using adjectives, time adverbs and conjunctions such as and, but and so.

Handwriting will continue to be a large focus for this half term.

In **Maths** we will be learning about...

Addition and subtraction

Shape

Money

Measurement

Quarter to and Quarter Past (Y2)

In other subjects we will be learning about...

**Science** - Feeding and Exercise

**RE** - Incarnation

**History** - Nurturing Nurses

**Music** - Christmas Production

We are going to be rehearsing over the half term to prepare for our Christmas Play on **Wednesday 11th December**.

## P.E.

We will be doing lots of dancing in preparation for our Christmas Play.

We may get the opportunity to also play games outside if the weather is kind to us.

## Homework

Please read with your child as often as possible, even if it is a quick 5 minutes. If we feel that your child can read their book satisfactorily, they can change it once a week. Please sign your child's book every time you hear them read.

Homework will continue to be given out every Wednesday and is due in on a Monday. Please work with your child and complete it. If your child receives spellings, please practise these ready for the spelling test the following week.

## Rewards

Children can earn 'Smileys' for good work, behaviour etc. and these can result in badges being presented in Good Work assemblies.

Golden Time on a Friday is used to reward children who have behaved well during the week.

Most days a "Star of the Day" is chosen.

The class are also collecting gold coins in order to receive a special 'class' reward.

You can help your child by:

- **Hearing them read regularly.** Please read with your child every day, even if it is a quick 5 minutes as it all helps. Inside your child's book bag there is a reading record for you to fill in with any comments about your child's reading. The reading record also includes lots of information about reading and word/phonics lists. Children will read once a week in school as well as having a weekly guided read with their teacher.
- **Helping them with their weekly phonics homework.** Children will receive homework from their phonics group each week. This could be spelling or reading homework linked to the work they are doing in their phonics session. Spellings will usually be given out on a Wednesday and tested on the following Tuesday. Reading homework will not be tested.
- **Completing their homework with them.** Weekly homework is given out to consolidate the work we are doing in class. This could be Maths, English or Topic based. Please spend time to do homework with your child. Sometimes, your child may be able to complete their homework independently. For other pieces of homework, they may need your support. Homework will usually be given out on a Wednesday and collected on a Monday. Also, please encourage your child to present their work as neatly as possible. There is a letter formation sheet in the back cover of their homework book to show the correct letter formation and where to start the letter.
- **Asking what they did at school today.** The children love sharing what they have been up to in class and throughout the school day. This will also help them remember what they have done as talking about their learning and experiences leads to better recall.

We have praise assemblies in school on most Fridays throughout the year. If your child has gained a certificate, trophy or badge over the school week for extra-curricular activities, they can bring it in to be celebrated with the whole school. Please try and note on the award what they did to achieve it e.g. if they got player of the week at football, add a little note saying it was for their fantastic passing to other players. For each praise assembly I will pick a child to be our star of the week. This could be for excellent work, tremendous effort or for being kind to their classmates. We will let you know that your child will be getting this certificate mid-week.

The children are collecting smilies for good work and excellent manners. When they reach 100 smilies they will get a bronze pin badge and certificate in assembly. Again, we will let you know this will be happening and hope you will be able to come and celebrate with us.

Finally, please ensure names are in ALL your child's clothing and on lunchboxes and waterbottles. We cannot be held responsible if your child cannot find their item of clothing which has no name in.

If you have any queries, please come and see me after school.

Key Stage 1 Team