



Welcome back  
to Autumn  
Term 2!

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow!" Anthony. J. D'Angelo.

## Term 1b - Autumn

by Mrs Bradwell

Welcome back to Class 4! I hope you all had a good break. Everyone has returned, re-energised and ready to learn, which is fantastic as we have a very busy half term ahead of us.

I have included an outline of the curriculum for this half term for your child.

### Homework

Your child will continue to receive homework containing maths tasks linked to objectives covered during the week. This will be given out every **Tuesday** and should be returned to school the following **Monday**. The new spelling approach has been a success - it is clear to see those children who take time to learn and practise their weekly spellings as they are improving their initial score and making progress each week. The new spelling lists for this half term can be found in the front of the homework book. Every Monday, the children will be tested on these spellings, before they are taught the new spelling rule for that week. As part of homework, children are required to select five words from the list and write them into sentences. **Bonus points will be awarded for extra spellings found that follow the weekly spelling rule.**

School diaries must be brought to school every day so important updates can be added. **I would like to remind those children who are reading free choice books at home that it is very important they continue to record their progress in their reading diaries and comment on the book they have chosen in order to recognise the progress they are making.** The impact of regular reading at home across a wide variety of texts on the children's development cannot be underestimated.

### Maths

Children will continue to focus on various aspects of numeracy, including: number and place value, fractions, decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions, conversion of measures and geometry. The children will use maths in real life contexts and use their problem solving and reasoning skills. Year six will continue to answer SAT style questions during lessons in order to prepare them for summer.

### English

We are continuing to read *Running Wild* by Michael Morpurgo, which the children are really engaging with as they continue to show a real motivation to write and are very passionate about the topics that have arisen so far from the novel. The key areas of focus for this half term will be: planning and delivering a debate, story writing, poetry and newspaper reports. We will also continue to have a weekly grammar lesson and a guided reading session. Each child will read in a group and will have the opportunity to read a variety of genres and a range of fiction and non-fiction.

### Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching the topic 'Seeing Light'. The children will be exploring how light travels and will have the opportunity to plan and carry out scientific investigations.

### PE

Our PE days are a Thursday and Friday afternoon. On a Thursday afternoon we will be learning the basic rules and game play of Tag Rugby and on a Friday we will be taking part in circuit training in order to develop our fitness level and pursue our goals. Please make sure your child has the correct kit and that it is in school each week ready for PE.

### Art

The children will be exploring the work of Frida Kahlo who is a Mexican artist. Her work is inspired by Mexican wildlife and nature. They will use batik techniques in order to create a final piece of artwork inspired by Frida Kahlo.

### Computing

Children will continue to learn about online safety (thinking about the importance of privacy), use Word and PowerPoint to produce posters and presentations to promote recycling in school and explore video/animation.

### RE

Miss Jewett will be teaching the children about the gospels and what they tell us about the birth of Jesus.

### Spanish

Miss Forth will continue to teach Spanish. The children will read some short stories including 'La Tierra' which is about the world and looking after the environment. They will also learn some Christmas vocabulary and songs.

### Geography

We will be exploring South America with a particular focus on Brazil. The children will compare a country in South America to England. They will also learn about the effects of deforestation and the recent forest fires that affected Brazil.

It will be a very busy and exciting half term as we lead up to Christmas and begin rehearsing for the KS2 production and the many other things planned! Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Kind Regards,

Mrs Bradwell