

## Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

### English

In English, The Titanic will be used as a stimulus for non-fiction information writing, where the children will use facts, reports and first hand accounts to organise and describe events prior to and during this tragic journey. The children will then be writing their own chronological reports, considering who they feel is to blame for the sinking using the features of report writing. We will also have weekly SPAG lessons focusing on different aspects of grammar within our writing.

### Maths

In the Autumn term, an emphasis will be placed on understanding place value, the value of digits and the relationship between numbers. We will then be focusing on the formal methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Throughout this, the children will be encouraged to solve number problems and to develop their investigation skills.

### PSHE

Our Autumn 1 topic is titled 'What a Wonderful World' where we look at the rich cultures and society that build up our world. In Autumn 2, we focus on democracy and how our country is run by a government.

### Swimming:

Swimming will be on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child comes into school with a swimming kit. See separate letter for required equipment.



### Homework

Spellings homework will be sent out on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. After the first half term, we will move to Google Classrooms. An extra Maths or English homework will also be sent out on a Friday, to be returned on the Thursday. Your child will also be sent home reading books. These can be changed on any day throughout the week. Spelling Shed and Mathletics are also part of your child's homework.

### Topic (History/Geography)

The Maya are our History topic for the term. We will explore the Maya way of life through a variety of different sources. We will be looking at where they lived, their everyday life and their beliefs on life and death as well as the mysterious way in which they disappeared! We also look at 'Labelling the World' which focuses on developing the children's geographical skills in using atlases and maps.

**Science** Our Science topic, 'Where does all the food go?' will give the children opportunities to conduct experiments and investigations into the human digestive system. We will then look at sound and how this is made, produced and travels. This will be taught by Mrs Boak.

**RE:** 1.) People of God- What is it like to be a follower of Jesus? 2.) What is the Trinity?

### Computing:

In Autumn 1, we follow the topic 'The Internet' and 'Audio Editing' in Autumn 2.

### Art:

Patterns and drawing skills.

### PE:

Gymnastics and Tag Rugby as well as swimming weekly. This will be on a Tuesday.

### D&T:

Clay faces (Art- Picasso.)

### Music:

Understanding pulse and rhythm.

### French:

We began the Autumn term by looking at fruits and vegetables as well as basic phonetics.