

# St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Terms 1 & 2 2017



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Year 4 and our first newsletter of the year. The children have settled in well and are becoming familiar with the new classroom routines. They are proving to be keen and enthusiastic to learn. Their behaviour and attitude has been good and I am confident they are going to progress well over the course of the year.

The following information is intended to help you support your child at school this term. Please can you ensure that:

- your child arrives in time for the beginning of school at 8.50am.
- they have a reading book and Reading Record Book in school every day.
- PE kit is in school all week – PE will take place on a Monday with Mr. Castle and a Thursday with the class teacher. Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed.
- time is given at home to complete home learning.

#### Curriculum

In addition to English and Mathematics, where we will be following the National Curriculum, the particular focus for our lessons this term will be as follows:

**Science:** 'Sound' and 'Animals including Humans'

**Geography:** earthquakes and volcanic eruptions and associated issues

**History:** The Romans

**Design Technology:** designing and making Roman money containers

**Art:** designing and creating mosaics

**RE:** Christianity – the Creation/Incarnation

**PSHE:** 'New Beginnings' and 'Say No to Bullying'

**French:** dates, months, greetings and clothes

**PE:** skills across a variety of sports.

**Computing:** E-safety – touch typing – repeated patterns

**Music:** listen to and appraise music



#### Home Learning

Home learning provides a valuable opportunity to revisit skills learnt in school. The children will be receiving a weekly piece of Maths and English home learning, which will be sent out on a **Friday** and due to be handed back in on a **Wednesday**. Spellings and times-tables are ongoing and will be sent out weekly.

Please encourage and support your child with daily reading and home learning: remind them to use their best handwriting at all times and take their time with the task set. If there are any problems regarding the work, please inform me via their homework book and encourage your child to speak to one of the adults in class so that we can clear up any difficulties.

### **Reading**

The children need to read regularly, as little as ten minutes a day can make a big difference. Please encourage your child to record any reading in their reading record books. These reading record books, along with their reading book, should travel between home and school daily. Three House points will be given for every child who reads four times or more a week.

### **Class Rules**

As part of our introduction to the new school year we have discussed and agreed a set of classroom rules to which the children have signed up and which are on display in the classroom. Our expectation is that all pupils follow the behaviour policy. Please ensure that both you and your child have read this carefully.

### **Golden time**

Students, who give 100% in class, will participate in 30 minutes of '**Golden Time**' on a Friday afternoon. Children may bring in their own toys and games to enjoy with their friends but not plug in electronic devices please.



**Tuck shop** is available on Fridays. There is a variety of fruit based snacks and drinks on sale. They are priced from 25p to 50p.

### **Parental Help**

We value the support of parents, so if you are available to help with reading; have a particular skill/hobby that you would like to share with the children; or are able to accompany us on an outing, please let us know.

Thank you for your co-operation. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please write a note or telephone the office (01304 852639) to book an appointment to see me after school.



Yours sincerely

Mrs. Norley