

St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School

Year 4 Newsletter – Terms 3 & 4



First and foremost, I hope you and your family had a delightful Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Next, may I thank you for the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts, it was very kind of you. Finally, I would like to welcome you all back to start the Spring Term.



The Curriculum in Term 3 and 4

Now that the children are settled and understand the expectations for the year group, it is often in terms 3 and 4 that the most progress is made. We want to ensure all children are able to fulfil their potential and achieve the highest possible standards.

In English this term, we will be studying *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S.Lewis. We are looking at how writers create settings and characters by using imagery. We will be exploring how the use of describing emotions and detail bring excitement to the text and engage the reader. Guided reading is taught in groups which are rotated and children have regular opportunities throughout the term to read to Class 3 in order to learn how to *engage* a child in a story.

In Maths, we will continue to follow the National Curriculum and will be looking at understanding the use of various division and multiplication facts. Children will learn to explain their methods so they understand the calculation fully. They will become much more skilled with their tables knowledge and attempt to complete their 'multiplication tables' in under a minute in preparation for the end of year assessment.



In Science, we will be investigating electrical circuits and how they can be adapted for different purposes. We will discover how dependent we are on electricity to power our homes and how we can alter the brightness of bulbs in simple battery-operated circuits. This will encourage the children to think and explain the dangers of electricity and how essential it is in everyday activities at home.



From a geographical perspective, we will be learning about: mountains, the source of many rivers, and the water cycle. We will also look at how people interact with rivers as well as their geographical features. We will conclude with a case study of one of the UK's major rivers, the River Thames.

In French we will be learning about the home and important places in town.

PE is held on a Monday and Thursday and the children will be learning new skills this term. As the weather is now rather wet and turning colder, could the children add joggers and trainers to their kit as we do try to go outside as often as possible?

Home Learning will be given out at the beginning of the term and this will cover seven weeks work. Each week is marked and should continue to be returned every Wednesday; your help with this is much appreciated.

If anyone has any concerns about the curriculum, their child, or any general questions, please feel free to telephone the office to book an appointment to see me after school.

Mrs Norley