



St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School
Class 4 Newsletter
Terms 5 and 6 2024



Welcome back to the summer term.
 We hope you all had an egg-cellent Easter break! Let's keep our fingers crossed for some much-needed sunshine as we gallop towards July.

English

In our Literacy lessons, we will study 'Hamelin' and 'The King of the Birds' as traditional narrative texts and the poem 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson, as well as how to write a persuasive argument and a recount of our school trip. We will analyse the grammatical features of the different genres and understand what makes a good model, using our own success criteria as an assessment of our writing. We will continue to learn the various rules for spelling, punctuation and grammar. Please continue to remind your child to use capital letters, full stops and other punctuation in their sentences.

Maths

In maths, we will learn about fractions and decimals, using our knowledge of times tables to help us understand how parts can be made. We will also study measurement, statistics and geometry. As part of the lessons, we will look at a range of questions that challenge our reasoning and problem solving, asking us to demonstrate our understanding and explain our thinking.

Times tables prove to be a crucial part of our maths learning. Please keep practising these at home on Times Tables Rockstars. A Multiplication Check will take place in June. Look out for further details nearer the time.

Foundation Subjects

This term, our art and design topics will include printing and sculpture, with design technology looking at how to make a pizza. Some of us are very excited by this idea! As part of our learning in computing, we will find out about logos and how to create stop motion animation, while our Science will focus on the topic of electricity and how to build a simple circuit, naming and labelling each part. In French, we will practise telling the time and talking about our holidays and hobbies. History will continue to focus on the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England. We will learn about the time of Edward the Confessor and the importance of Christian conversion as we take a trip to Canterbury. This will be supported in our geography lessons as we understand the importance of different types of settlements and their land use and how Canterbury came to be such a busy city centre. In our Jigsaw PSHE lessons, we will discuss 'Relationships' which explores how we might feel jealous about some relationships and 'Changing Me', which considers how we are similar or different to our parents and how we develop as we become teenagers. This will be taught alongside our RE topic of 'Why do some people think life is a journey?' and significant experiences we encounter along the way.

PE days will initially be on Monday and Tuesday for tennis and swimming; followed by athletics and rounders as the weather improves! Please make sure that your child has the correct kit for indoor and outdoor activities.
 Earrings should be removed on these days.

In term 5, we will take a trip to Canterbury by train as part of our geographical studies to compare one city with another, incorporating a visit to the cathedral.

Our term 6 trip will be part of our Grand Day out along with the rest of the school.

Please look out for important information about summer events ...