

# St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School

## Class 4 Newsletter

### Terms 3 & 4

First and foremost, I hope you and your family had a lovely Christmas, and may we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and thank you for your wonderful cards and gifts. It was most thoughtful of you.

We are now ready to begin an exciting Spring Term in which, we are sure that the children will continue to fulfil their potential and achieve the highest possible standards.

#### The Curriculum in Term 3 and 4



In **English**, our work will be based on the classic English stories of Paddington Bear by Michael Bond and The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit.

Following this we shall be focusing on one (or more) written outcomes, linked with fiction/nonfiction and poetry modules.

In **Maths**, we will continue to follow the National Curriculum and will be studying: number and place value, addition and subtraction, measures money/capacity/ volume, fractions, multiplication and division, shape, position and direction, statistics and time.



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 series circuits. This will encourage the children to think and explain the dangers of Electricity and how essential it is in everyday activities at home.

We will also complete a unit on animals including humans, in which they will be taught to:

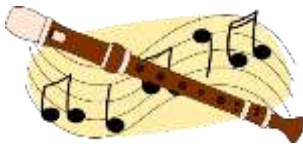
- describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

In **Computing** the children will be developing their coding skills using Purple Mash's 2Code and Scratch.

For **Art** we will be producing a two dimensional and a three dimensional piece inspired by the stories of Paddington Bear for the art exhibition at the Pines Calyx on 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. Following the exhibition we will be developing our drawing and painting techniques inspired by nature and wildlife.

In **D&T**, we will be designing and making a night light and a torch.

For **Games** we will be developing the skills required for gymnastics. Please ensure your child has the appropriate named kit for these activities.



In **Music**, the children will continue to play musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression and learn to sing and perform a range of songs.

From a **geographical** perspective, we will be learning about;

- the coast of the British Isles.
- considering the advantages and disadvantages of living by the coast.
- extending their local and locational knowledge by studying some contrasting coasts around the world.



If anyone has any concerns about their child or general questions, please telephone the office to book an appointment to see one of us after school, or have a quick chat with us at the door.

**Mrs Norley & Mr Ball**