



**St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School**  
**Class 4 Newsletter**  
**Terms 3 and 4 2024**



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2024**

*Welcome back to the start of another new year  
and what is bound to be a busy term ahead!  
We thank you all for your cards and gifts and  
hope that you have all had an enjoyable  
Christmas break.*

**English**

Our writing will focus on a range of genres, including narratives, poetry, diary entries and persuasive writing. We will be retelling the traditional story of 'Hamelin' and a fable 'To the Edge of the World', as well as the ever popular 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen. In each lesson, we will focus on the text, drawing out new language and grammatical features, before thinking about how we can use a good example of the text to write our own versions. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be taught alongside these lessons.

**Maths**

In our maths, we will be learning different strategies to help us with multiplication and division, as well as how to calculate the length of shapes and fractions and decimals. Each unit of work builds on our understanding to help us solve reasoning and problem-solving questions. As always, our times tables prove to be a crucial part of our maths learning. Please do keep practising these with your child.

**Foundation Subjects**

In Science, we will be identifying how objects change their state of matter through heating or cooling; and how sounds are made through vibrations and how these can change depending on the volume and distance from the sound source. History this term brings an enquiry into who were the Vikings, and will look at Britain's settlement by the Anglo Saxons and the Scots, learning about when and where they invaded, the importance of place names and using artefacts to explore what life was like. Our geography will compare Canterbury and Dover, which we will follow up with a trip in term 5. In DT, we will set about designing and sewing a Saxon hut. Our RE asks the question 'Why are festivals important to religious communities?' and will delve into Hinduism, Muslimism and Judaism. We follow our Jigsaw Scheme of Learning for PSHE and will have the opportunity to talk about our 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'.

**PE** days will continue to be on

**Monday** and **Wednesday**

and will be gymnastics, dance / gymnastics and cricket.

Please do make sure that your child has the correct kit for indoor and outdoor activities, including plimsolls for gymnastics. Earrings should be removed on these days.

We have 2 local trips planned for this term which will become part of our Art lessons as we look at the styles of

**Vincent Van Gogh** and **George Seurat.**



***We look forward to welcoming you into school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January  
2024 for our class assembly.***