

Year 4 Newsletter

Homework

Homework will be given out on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday.

Week 1 homework – RE based.

Weeks 2-7 – Maths and English

Please encourage your children to create either a map of Europe or a piece of artwork linked to electricity as part of their learning challenge homework.



Learning to love, loving to learn

Autumn 2 2023

Class Teacher: Mr English

Value of the Month



November: Forgiveness

December: Honesty

Please discuss these values with your child, identifying acts that represent them.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. So far this year, the children have been working really hard and have been engaging in some fantastic learning. I am really pleased with their efforts and I know it will continue going forward. I am looking forward to working on our new topic *It's Cold and Dark Outside*, and especially our science topic: electricity!

As always, this term is a busy one as we prepare for Christmas and our Christmas production. Prepare yourselves for lots of festive songs being practised at home! Thank you for your continued support and as always, please feel free to come and discuss any aspect of your child's learning with me at morning drop-offs or afternoon pick-ups!

Mr English

Fri 3 rd Nov 9:00am	Education Wellbeing Service Coffee morning
Tue 7 th Nov	Parent's Evening
Wed 8 th Nov	Parent's Evening
W/B 13 th Nov	Anti – bullying week
Fri 17 th Nov	E-safety workshop for parents in the gallery
Wed 13 th Dec	Winter Sounds concert – Fairfield Hall
Thu 21 st Dec	End of Term Mass @ St Thomas a Becket
Fri 22 nd Dec	End of Term

English

Our text for this half-term is an adventure book called *Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells. Ivan lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjik, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold to find him.



Our interesting topic for this term is electricity and we will explore why it is so important for modern living.

We will investigate making electrical circuits and switches. We will look at which materials are good conductors and insulators, as well as creating and testing circuits of our own!

Maths

In maths, we will begin with area, but our main focus for this half term will be multiplication and division. We will be building and strengthening our knowledge of times-table, learning different tricks and tips to help learn and memorise them. Please continue to practise times-tables regularly with your children at home.

Learning Challenge

Our geography topic will focus on Europe. We will use maps and atlases to discover more about the continent we come from, and our European neighbours. In DT, we will use our knowledge of circuits to make a neon sign. In art, we will create snowy landscapes from our class story, *Ice Palace* by Robert Sewells.

Christmas performance

**Tuesday, 12th December at
6:30pm
The little Shepard**