

# Y4 Autumn Newsletter

## How do we take care of God's world?

### Dates for your diary

**11.09.18**

3.30pm—Curriculum meeting for parents

**13.09.18**

Individual photos

**26.09.18**

European Day of Languages

**05.10.18**

### **Year 4 Assembly**

9:10am—4C

3:00pm—4E

**12.10.18**

Harvest Mass

**18.10.18**

School disco

**23.10.18 & 24.10.18**

Parents Evening

**29.10.18—02.10.18**

Half term

**09.11.18**

KS2 Remembrance Liturgy at 9.10am —parents welcome

**13.11.18**

Visit to Synagogue

**30.11.18**

Frost Fair 2-4pm

**5.12.18**

Y4 Advent Celebration 5:00pm

**18.12.18**

Christmas Jumper day for C classes.

Carols around the tree for C classes 2:30pm

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Dear children and parents,

This term we will be basing our first topic on 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. During this topic, we will explore living things and their habitats, and how animals adapt and change to survive in their surroundings.

In the second part of the term, we will be reading 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo. We will look at the town of Hamelin and compare it to a place in Britain. We will also look at sound and how the Pied Piper's flute was so magical and enticing.

During this term, we will also taking part in Forest Schools. This provides the children with an opportunity to explore the outdoors and build up their confidence resilience and independence.

Many thanks,

Mrs Hyland-Taylor(4C) & Miss Dawson(4E)

### **RE**

We start our RE curriculum looking at how our families play an important part in helping us grow and achieve. We will look at the family tree of Jesus and explore the stories of those who had a great influence on Jesus' life. We will then explore the way in which Jesus called his disciples to follow him and how we can be called today by God to follow our vocational calling.

Entering into Advent, we study the gift of God's love and Jesus. The children will also be involved in the Year 4 Advent celebration where they will bring alive the journey we take through Advent, using Gospel readings, song and dance.

### **PE**

PE will be on a **Tuesday afternoon with Premier Sports**. Please ensure the children have both indoor and outdoor PE kit at all times. Children with ear piercings need to have their earrings out or cover them with plasters when taking part in PE. During the first half term we will also have dance on a Thursday afternoon.

### **Reading**

Children will continue to use the Accelerated Reader system. When they have finished their book, they will have the opportunity to complete the comprehension and change their book. Children are expected to read at least 6 books each half term.

### **Homework**

Spellings will be tested on a Monday afternoon. Children are expected to read every night and continue to practice all times tables. Homework is set on a Tuesday and due in the following Monday.



## Maths

The children will be learning using a fluency, reasoning and problem solving structure throughout the different areas of mathematics. The children will complete a pre assessment task ready to start learning from the appropriate level. In the first term, we will cover Roman Numerals, Fraction, Geometry (position and direction), Measures (Area), Multiplication and Division. In the second half term, we will cover Multiplication and Division, Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Geometry (2D Shape) and Decimals. Through out the maths lessons, children will be required to show they are able to use those skills in a variety of ways to demonstrate mastery of that skill. Through all areas, basic skills will be embedded through twenty minute maths sessions every day.

## English

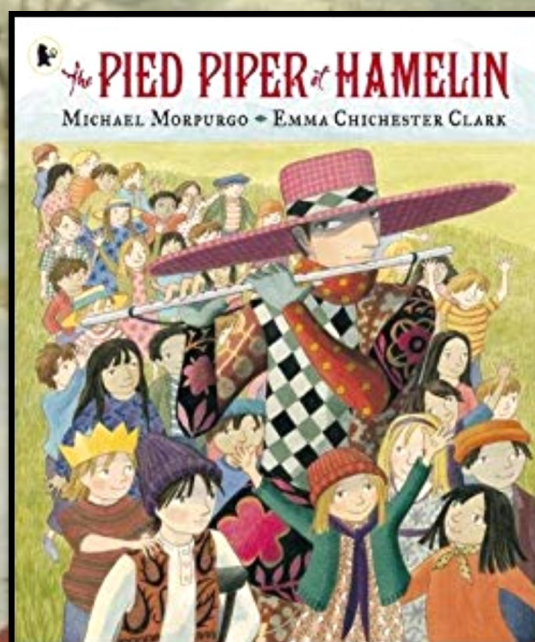
The main focus of this term is to embed the children's understanding of what sentences are and how to build them. We will be teaching this using Jason Wade's Rainbow Grammar scheme. For more information visit <http://jweducation.co.uk/>

In the first half term, we will explore 'The Promise'. It will explore the theme of community which we will link to global issues in our writing. In the second half term, we will be reading the Pied Piper by Michael Morpurgo. Using this text we will look at human rights and persuade the mayor of Hamelin to clean up the town so the children can return. We will also report on the hero of the town, the Pied Piper.

## Science

Using 'The Promise' as our focus, we will be looking at living things, the categories they belong to, food chains, and environmental issues that have an impact on these areas.

In the second term, we will be investigating sound and how it travels. We will use the instruments from our music sessions to investigate how sound is created on a variety of instruments. We will explore the inner ear and learn how it functions.



## History and Geography

In the second term, we will be using maps and other sources of information to compare Hamelin to London and locate countries in Europe and the Americas.

## Art and Design & Technology

During the autumn term, we will look at using different drawing techniques to capture the environment around us. We will also look at how nature changes through the season of Autumn as it prepares for the cold Winter.

## Computing

The children will be learning skills through our plugged and un-plugged curriculum. They will include building algorithms, creating musical loops, directing robots and debugging systems. The children will use programs such as Scratch, A.L.E.X. Incredibox and code.org. They will also be embedding their word processing and typing skills.

## Music

The children will begin their music sessions with the Becket teaching staff. They will be allocated a musical instrument which they will keep for the 15 weeks. This does not disrupt any peripatetic lessons children may have. All children need to bring their musical instruments on Wednesdays. This is part of the National Curriculum and all children are expected to participate in this.