

Dear Parents,

We are excited to start the new Spring Term and can't wait to learn all about our new topics. We worked hard last term and we enjoyed learning about WW1, tackling maths problems and in particular our street dance performance. Here's our newsletter for this term, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Mr Wake and Miss Din



RE

The focus of this term's R.E work is mission and sacrifice. We will look at Jesus' mission and our own mission as Christians. Our scripture work will look at Jesus helping the sick, poor and those in need as we try to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We will learn about the sacrifice Jesus made, reflecting upon this. As we prepare for Easter, we will prepare during holy week to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

We will also study Sikhism where we will learn about other faiths.

English

This term, in English we will be writing newspaper articles on the infamous Titanic sinking. We will then look at a range of disaster stories and recreate our own in this style. The children will also be focussing on The Sustainable Development Goals and will create powerful pieces of writing around this. After half term, we will be reading Viking myths and poetry.

Spellings will be sent home each Wednesday. Please help your child to learn their words each week.

Reading is very important in Year 4/5. Please can you listen to your child read regularly and ensure they bring their reading book and record to school every day. It would be appreciated if you could write a comment to let us know how your child is getting on at home with reading.

Homework is given on a Wednesday and is to be returned the following Tuesday.



Maths

The main areas we will cover this term are fractions and decimals.

The children will be learning identify equivalent fractions, fractions of amounts and will be learning to convert between fractions and decimals.

KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts) – the children need to know quick mental addition and subtractions using different strategies, and need to be able to recall and apply them in their Maths work. We are also working hard on our times tables. Please ensure these are practised at home regularly, you can also log onto times tables rock stars. Regular short practice of these will be of great benefit to your child.

Computing

We will be developing our knowledge and skills on to keep safe online and recognising fake news.

PE

In P.E. the children are completing their water safety and swimming lessons whilst moving onto hockey.

Science

During the first term the Y4 children will be exploring the topic 'Rocks' and will be finding out about the different types whilst also studying fossils. The Y5 children will be investigating changing properties and materials.

Geography

In our topic work, we will be learning about our Local Area of Thornaby and how it was influenced by the Vikings.

History

In the first half of the term we are exploring the infamous disaster of the Titanic. We will look at a range of different sources and make our own historical interpretations. We will then explore the world of Vikings and how they influenced the local area.

Art/DT/Music

Our Art and DT work will be linked to our topics. In Music, we will use our Charanga music scheme.

