Buxton School

Year 4

Parent Newsletter

Welcome back after what was a busy and eventful first half of the term in Year 4. The children have settled nicely into the new buildings and into the routines of Year 4. We hope the positive start to the school year continues and the children are ready to begin their new topic Shake It.

The year 4 team are:

Miss Douthwaite: Head of Year and Class Teacher (4WD)

Miss Ferguson: Class Teacher (4GF)

Miss Boyce: Class Teacher until January (4TJ)

Miss Phan: Class Teacher until December(4SP)

Miss Clarke: Class Teacher (starting December)

Mr Joubert: Class Teacher (starting January)

Miss Cindy Powell: Teaching Assistant

Curriculum

Over the next term, we will be covering the following:

Literacy - In Literacy we are reading the book Krindlekrax. We will be exploring the different issues and themes that are found in the book, most importantly, bullying. We will be writing our own stories that look at an issue focussing on: structuring a story, using paragraphs, punctuating speech and interesting word choices and sentence structure.

Numeracy - This term in Numeracy we will be covering a range of topics including: decimals, written methods for addition and subtraction, written methods for multiplication and division and Measurement looking at Mass.

RE - Christianity

PE - Games, Gymnastics & Dance

Planet You— Healthy Eating and Healthy Lifestyle Choices

IPC (topic) - Shake it - Solids, liquids and gases with a focus on changing and separating materials..

- How can you help your child with our new topic about changing and separating materials.

To use books and the internet to research different areas about the milk and dairy products. To attempt some cooking and discuss the changes that may happen to the ingredients.

Homework

Literacy and Maths homework will be given out on a Friday. This is expected to be handed in by the following Wednesday. The children's homework is now recorded in a red homework book which they will need to hand into their class teacher.

Reading journals should be filled in at least twice a week and will be stamped once a week on a Thursday. Please encourage your child to read regularly. Magazines, newspapers, library books and own storybooks can be logged as well as their reading book from school.

Children must also continue to learn their times table and will be tested regularly in class.

Useful Websites

- Bug Club : https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0
- Mathematics: http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years
- Mathematics: http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/
- SPAG: http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/
- Science: http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/changing_state/play/
- Science: http://www.everyschool.co.uk/science-key-stage-2-changing-state.html
- Healthy Eating: http://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/Activity.aspx?contentId=55&sectionId=37&siteId=3
- Nitro Type - http://www.nitrotype.com
- RoboMind download - http://www.softpedia.com/get/Others/Home-Education/RoboMind-Learn-Programming.shtml

Reminders
Swimming Lessons–
Tuesday Morning

It is vitally important that your child brings a bag big enough to hold the whole of their uniform as well as their swimming kit, as they are required to place all of their clothing into their bag when they are changed to ensure everything is kept together. Every piece of their clothing needs to be labelled with their name. Please note, if your child does not bring their swimming cap in their kit, they will not be permitted to swim.

Dates for the half term

Friday 18th November - Children in Need. All children may wear something spotty to school.

Week beginning 21.11.16 - Anti-Bullying Week. There will be assemblies and workshops throughout the week around this theme.

Tuesday 15th December - Carol Concert a.m. Christmas parties p.m.

Monday 19th December - Good to Be Green Trip—Cinema

Wednesday 21st December - last day, finish at 12.30p.m. (Children return **Tuesday 5th January 2017**)