

Buxton School



Year 4



parent Newsletter

The children are going to begin a new topic called Inventions that changed the world.



The Year 4 team are:

Miss Douthwaite— 4WD and Head of Year

Miss Ferguson— 4GF

Miss Clarke— 4SP

Mr Joubert— 4TJ

Cindy Powell —Teaching Assistant

Curriculum

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

Literacy -

Writing: Text— The Iron Man, play scripts and explanations.

Numeracy - Geometry: Angles, Measurement: area and perimeter; Formal written multiplication with 2 and 3 digit numbers, Formal written methods for addition and subtraction and decimals.

RE—Judiasm

History—Significant inventions of the last 100 years

Science— Science of flight, man-made materials and their properties and how to carry out a scientific test.

Technology— To invent and build something to solve a

Useful Websites

<http://www.biographyonline.net/scientists/top-10-inventors.html>

<http://inventivekids.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z6k4d2p>

http://www.ducksters.com/biography/scientists/scientists_and_inventors.php

<http://www.history.com/topics/inventions/wright-brothers>

Homework

- Literacy and Maths homework is given out on a **Friday**. This is expected to be handed in by the following **Wednesday**. Spellings will also be included in the form of a rule or spelling pattern to be learned and practised.
- Children are expected to be reading daily and recording at least 2 activities in their Reading Journal each week. Reading Journals are also handed in on a **Wednesday**. Please encourage your child to read regularly. Magazines, newspapers, library books and storybooks can be used for their Reading Journal. Each student has been given a Bug Club account which is an excellent way to practise reading and comprehension. Bug Club is monitored and progress and activity will be checked by the teachers.
- In Numeracy lessons the students have now covered all of the times tables up to 12×12 . It is an expectation that by the end of Year 4 all students will be able to recall all of their times tables. Thank you for your support with helping your child at home to learn and practise all of their times tables.

We are now teaching Reading with a core book for each Literacy class. Each child will have a copy of this book in reading lessons (in their Literacy groups) but we encourage children to have their own copy of the book to read at home.

This half term Miss Douthwaite's and Miss Clarke's Literacy groups are reading **The Firework Maker's Daughter** by **Phillip Pullman** and Miss Ferguson's and Mr Joubert's groups are reading **The Butterfly Lion** by **Michael Morpurgo**

Reminders

Library: Students will attend library every 2 weeks on a **Tuesday** to exchange their books. Please ensure that all outstanding library books are returned to the library.

Clubs: A variety of sports, music, drama and language activities are available to Year 4. Keep a look out for letters offering places for various clubs.

Important Dates For this Term

British Museum Trip:

February 27th: 4WD and 4SP

March 10th: 4TJ and 4GF

March 16th— Maths Open Morning

Thursday 23rd March - Parents' Evening.

Friday 31st March - Last day. School finishes at 12.30p.m.

(Children return **Wednesday 19th April 2017**)