



## Year 4 Weekly update: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Important dates

Year 4 trip: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Parents Evening: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Topic Week, celebrating African, Caribbean and Asian scientists: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>–Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Start of the school day

The school day starts at 8.55am in Key Stage Two.

Guided reading starts at 9.00am.

Children must be at school on time, so that they are ready to start guided reading at 9.00am.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Maths:**

Children will partition four digit numbers into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones in a range of ways.

They will then explore thousands. They will practise counting in thousands, and will move on to adding and subtracting thousands.

### **Guided Reading and English:**

In guided reading, children will continue to learn new vocabulary, practise reading strategies and explore reading question types.

In English, children will learn to use speech marks. They will practise writing dialogue, using their rules for speech. They will explore how dialogue can tell us about characters and move the plot forward.

### **Science:**

In our science topic, *Living Things and Habitats*, children will develop their understanding of invertebrates. They will learn to classify invertebrates, for example sorting into groups of invertebrates that have a segmented body, those that have wings and those that have pincers on their tail.

### **Accelerated Reader:**

Children are continuing to take quizzes for Accelerated Reader. This year we are focussing on 80% accuracy in quizzes. Children need to get most of their questions correct show that they have understood the book.

Please remember that you can go to the library after school and you will be able to find books within your child's reading range. Please also check your child's reading diary to ensure that they are choosing a book of the correct level. If you need help with this, please ask a member of the Year 4 team.

### **Homework:**

Homework will be given out on Friday. Children will hand in their completed homework on Thursday. Homework club is on Thursday lunchtime in Shakespeare class. Topic and science are optional. Reading, spellings, times tables and Mathletics are compulsory every week. Reading needs to be for 30 minutes every day. Please practise spelling and times tables at least three times a week.

**Spelling: The spelling test will now be taken every Thursday. This will be in the homework book, so parents can see how their children have done, and give more support if needed.**

### **Reading:**

Reading is the most important way to support your child at home.

When you read with your child, please sign their diary and write in the page numbers that they have read. You can also put in a comment about how they have read. Thank you. Year 4 Team