# Year 3/4 Newsletter Autumn Term 2



# The Year 3/4 Teaching Team

Class 4



Miss Rushworth

Mrs Pattison





Mr Gamble (Phase Leader)



Miss Briscoe



Mr Morgan



Mr Kerr



#### **English**

Children will be using the text 'The Wind in the Willows' to inspire their writing. The book is a retelling of Kenneth Grahame's original and pupils will be using the text to write their own stories, non-chronological reports and poems based on the adventures of Rat, Mole, Badger and Toad, focusing this half-term is on using pro-nouns, speech marks and determiners.

#### Reading

Please encourage your child to read at least three times a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time, filling in the date, book title, and page number in your child's new reading journal which they will receive soon. Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.

#### Maths ace valu

We will be taking our place value knowledge to the next level by investigating the four operations this term. How well do we know the terminology related to each operation? Can we solve word problems efficiently and estimate answers? Each method will be analysed and practised so we feel confident applying these basic skills across different areas.

## Topic - Rivers!

LKS2's second topic of the year is Rivers. Pupils will learn about the features of rivers, how they are made and the different stages of a river as it meanders towards the sea. Children will also investigate the current health of local rivers, and how the land that rivers run through is used. Children will also learn about the water cycle and visit Bolton Abbey to study the River Wharfe with a leading expert.

## Science/ Art/ D.T /ICT

Science: Electricity: We shall be investigating circuits, including bulbs, switches and buzzers, insulators and conductors and learning about the dangers of mains electricity.

Art: We'll explore Gaudi architecture following on from our work on of organic forms.

ICT: Communication and E-safety. This half-term, we'll continue to learn how to keep safe when using and searching the internet for information, understanding how key words in searches can help us to find information more efficiently.

DT: We are going to design and create a 3d model of the water cycle using our topic

<u>DT:</u> We are going to design and create a 3d model of the water cycle using our topic knowledge. Parents will be able to have a go themselves at our event in December!

#### P.E

Year 3 and 4 will be
covering gymnastics and dance
in PE this half-term.
PE kit should be brought into
school every Monday and taken
home every Friday for washing.
Swimming will be on a Wednesday for Year 4.

#### MFL - Spanish

We will be continuing to develop our speaking and listening skills, expanding our vocabulary and working on perfecting that Spanish accent!



#### R.E/PSHCE

RE: Hindusim — Christianity—Beliefs and practices.

PSHCE: Keeping safe and managing risks.

#### Important Dates...

- 13.11.18—LKS2 trip to Bolton Abbey.
- 6.12.18 LKS2 Topic Celebration Event for parents at 2pm.
- 19.12.18 LKS2 Christmas Production at 2pm.
- 21.12.18 School closes for Christmas Holidays.

If you have any questions, concerns or want to discuss any aspect of your child's learning, please come and speak to a member of the Year 3/4 teaching team after school, on any day!



# Attendance

#### Thank you

for sending your children to school every day and arriving at 8:45 so that we are all ready to begin the days learning. As you know, 'Every Day Counts'

