

# Class 4/5 H Newsletter

April 2017

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and ate lots of chocolate!

## Natural Disasters!

During the Summer term, Class 4/5H will be studying natural disasters. This will include; volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and floods, to name a few! We will be using our geographical knowledge to locate countries that have experienced extreme natural disasters and try to determine why they may have occurred.

## Topic Homework

As ever, the effort that has been put into the topic homework has been outstanding! Last term, both staff and children enjoyed looking at everyone's achievements and we cannot wait to see brand new masterpieces this term. The hand in for this project homework is: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

As before, a small piece of literacy or numeracy homework will also be set each Friday to be handed in for marking every Thursday.

## Spellings

Our spellings test will also continue this term, in the same routine as before. These spellings will be handed out on Monday and tested on Friday. Your child will receive opportunities throughout the week to practise them. A copy of these spellings will also be stapled to the relevant weekly pages in their homework diaries. I will also continue to randomly test some spellings in class to ensure these spelling patterns are embedded.

Once again, these tests are nothing for the children to worry about and instead are purely just an opportunity to practise and show off their skills. I'd like to thank you for your continued support with practising these spellings.

## Times Tables

Our times tables testing has changed slightly in as much as we will now be focussing on a set times table as a whole class. It has come to my attention that although a lot of the children show some fluency in certain times tables, these skills are not completely embedded. We therefore will be completing numerous activities to ensure our knowledge of all times tables is secure.

Alongside these tests, we will also be completing weekly arithmetic tests that will focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

## PE and Synergy

PE will take place every Tuesday and Wednesday. To ensure your child will not miss these lessons, please make sure they have their full PE kit in school for these days. Children with earrings will also be asked to remove their earrings during PE or cover them up with tape.

As it is now the Summer term, I am hoping that all of our PE lessons will be outside, however, this is dependent on British weather and so nothing is certain!

Similar to last term, our Wednesday PE lessons will be run by Mr Rose from Synergy. In these lessons, the children will be studying athletics in preparation for Sports Day.

## Mr Brown

Mr Brown is now back from his previous placement and will again be part of our class. He will begin teaching some lessons almost immediately under my supervision, with the aim of increasing this amount over the duration of this term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. Please feel free to pop in and see me at the beginning or end of the school day if you have any questions or queries.

Thank you.

Miss Haywood , Mrs Sadler and Mr Brown.