

# Year 4 Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

The children have brought home more spellings than usual today. I would like them to learn as many as they can, their focus does not have to be on getting all 20 correct. As a school, we have a new spelling scheme that will ensure the children are more familiar with spelling rules and allow them to ensure that they are utilising the words correctly in their written work. Whilst it is beneficial for them to spell a variety of challenging words, it is more beneficial to ensure that the words they regularly use in their writing are correct, so don't worry if sometimes the words seem a bit easy for your child. The children will be tested as usual on a Friday, but we will have completed a variety of activities based on their spellings (in readiness for the test) during the week. The children have been given a spelling list and an activity sheet to complete at home to support their learning.

In maths this week, the children were solving a variety of one and two step word problems. The strategies they use in class teach them to read the question carefully, underline the important information in the question, then to about think what operation/s may be needed in order to solve the problem. The children worked very hard and I am pleased with their methods.

English this week was a mixture of the children creating a hero/heroine for their mythical story, planning the story and writing it. I thoroughly enjoyed just how imaginative the children were with their characters and how creative they were when using similes or personification to add description in their writing. The children use success criteria at times to ensure that they are thinking about the main expectations for the piece of writing they produce. I am noticing a lot of improvement in the maturity of their written work since the beginning of year 4.

The class are looking forward to Romans Day on Wednesday and will be learning lots about life in Ancient Rome, with a variety of activities and even a talk from a Roman soldier. The children are welcome to dress up, but if they choose not to, then please ensure that they are wearing school uniform.

In art, the children completed the next stage of their scratch art Roman vases and I am looking forward to seeing the finished versions at some point next week.

Please rest assured that there is still a huge focus on tolerance, kindness and respect in and out of the classroom and the children have started this term really well.

Next week, the children will be writing a report about a topic they are interested in. It would be great for them to make some research notes over the weekend and bring them in to support their writing on Monday.

Thanks,

**Mrs Ward and Mrs Phillips**

Spellings:

Perhaps, pressure, recent, potatoes, popular, probably, regular, question, position, promise, reign, separate, possess(ion), purpose, remember, possible, quarter, sentence.

