

Term 4 has begun with the children showing a continued keen interest in their learning. The first day back saw several children receiving reading certificates, including 100 nights of reading by Finlay Evans – well done to those children. We nearly have every child on the reading ladder and there has been a notable improvement in the fluency of reading within the class. I would like to see an increase in the number of children who are reading regularly and for this reason I am introducing the system that the Year 5 classes have adopted. So if a child reads three nights in a week, they will receive golden time where they are allowed to choose an activity from the toy cupboards or use the computer during the afternoon on Fridays. Those who haven't read for three nights, will continue to follow the curriculum.

English

The focus this term is on studying the traditional poetry of Robert Louis Stevenson and creating fictional writing based on Roald Dahl's 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. There is a greater emphasis on spelling, especially on specific vowel sounds.

Maths

We will continue learning mental and written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be reading the time on both digital and analogue clocks and understanding angles as turns. The scores from the children's times tables challenge have increased significantly, which will give the children more confidence in their ability to work out multiplication and division problems.

Science

This term we are studying rocks and soils, observing particular features and investigating their properties. It links with the work we have just completed on mountains and also with our geography topic on coasts.

ICT

We can communicate by using e-mails now and are able to send an attachment. So we will be looking at creating a powerpoint presentation.

Geography

This term we are finding out about the different coastlines in the U.K, using maps and atlases. The children will be exploring the way coastlines can change using geographical terms correctly. We are hoping to enhance our learning by going on a trip to Gibraltar Point.

R.E

We will be studying the main events of Holy Week, through drama, art, poetry and passages from the Bible.

Art

The focus this term is to develop our painting skills linked to our geography topic so we will be examining the work of Van Gogh, Turner and Constable.

PE

P.E. is on Wednesday afternoon and the children will be creating dance sequences based on the theme of explorers.

French

We are continuing to talk about our pets and then learning to talk about our family this term.

Please do not hesitate to talk to me if you have any concerns with your child.

Mrs Pitwell