

# Class 4D Newsletter

September 2012

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope the rain did not dampen your spirits too much over the summer!

This year Class 4D has 16 children: 9 boys and 7 girls; who have all returned to school with positive, responsible, Year 6 attitudes!

This will be my first term as Year 6 teacher at Micklefield and for those of you who have not met me yet, my name is Miss Driscoll. I have worked with children for the past 11 years and am very much looking forward to becoming a part of the Micklefield school community. My door is always open so if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child please feel free to approach myself or the office to arrange a convenient time to meet.

The topic for our first half term is entitled 'Is Graffiti Art or Vandalism?' and our focus is on using our imaginations. We will be exploring 'street' sub-culture through graffiti art, street dance and popular music. Our major literacy focus will be on poetry (with Roald Dahl as our celebrated poet) and the power of imagery; using music, art and drama to enhance our written work.

*"Watch with glittery eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who do not believe in magic will never find it."*

— Roald Dahl

We will focus on poetry and imagery at the beginning of the year in order to inspire and develop the children's imaginations and therefore their use of vocabulary, sentence complexity and overall quality of written work.

We will also be looking at the lives and achievements of a number of inspirational and successful people such as: Roald Dahl, M. C. Escher, Rosa Parks, Lewis Carroll, Jonnie Peacock & Ellie Simmons.

The children are adapting well to the new teacher, routines and expectations in Class 4D and I am sure we will have a wonderful year together; developing our skills and widening our experiences!

**Homework**

Homework will be given out on a Monday, to be returned on a Friday (unless otherwise stated) and will include spellings, as well as times tables facts and division tables facts. These need to be practised regularly as there will be a weekly test. One other piece of homework will be set per week and will link in to the current topic or theme. Please ensure your children are taking responsibility for completing and returning homework by the deadline, as this will help to develop their organisational skills in preparation for high school work loads.

### **School equipment**

It is great to see that so many children have returned to school with a pencil case. It is important that, in preparation for high school, the children become accustomed to keeping their equipment safe and organised. Pencil cases and water bottles must be brought into school on a daily basis. Indoor and outdoor PE kits, including trainers, are required on a Monday and Wednesday.

### **Important dates:**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Roald Dahl's Birthday (children may dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character or in his favourite colour: yellow)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** Y6 Cycle Training

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September:** Harvest Festival

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October:** Parent's Evening, 3:30pm - 5:30pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October:** Parent's Evening, 5pm - 8pm

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October:** Alice in Wonderland themed dress up (for RNIB) and last day of half term.

Kind Regards,

Jo Driscoll