

# Class 4 Newsletter

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## Dear Parents/Carers, Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer! This will be my first term as Year 5 and 6 teacher at Micklefield and for those of you who have not met me yet, my name is Miss Higham. I am very much looking forward to becoming Class 4's teacher and part Micklefield Primary School.

### School equipment

We will be having PE on a Wednesday and Friday. Indoor and outdoor PE kits, including trainers will be required these days. Please also ensure your child brings a water bottle into school on a daily basis. All children in Year 4 now also have planners. Planners will be replacing home reading diaries and will also be used to communicate any important information, such as dates homework is due, as well as house points being collected in them.

### Our learning

As you will have gathered from the homework set for the summer, our topic this half term is Ancient Greece. We will be exploring the differences in Greece then and now, as well as comparing it to other countries and looking at Greek history such as Athens and Sparta.

### Literacy

New this term, we are starting a Literacy Scheme called literacy and language. It will cover reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Linking with our topic, we will be working around the Greek myth, Prometheus and Pandora. We will also be writing instructions this half term for our non-fiction work.

### Reading

Please ensure you listen to your child read as much as possible as it really benefits children's learning. Please record every time your child reads at home in their planner.

### Poetry Journals

Poetry Journals will be sent home every Monday from week 2 and must be returned the following Monday for a new poem. Please remember to read the Poem of the Week with your child as poems are vital in widening children's vocabulary and love of words.

### Homework

Homework will be given out on a Monday, to be returned on a Friday (unless otherwise stated) and will alternate between literacy and maths each week. With our new literacy scheme the children will have homework books therefore sometimes they will have work in these instead of their usual homework books.

### Spellings

We are starting a new exciting spelling scheme this year meaning there will no longer be a weekly spelling test! Instead children will be bringing home a log book full of spellings children need to personally learn. These will be kept in book bags so children can practise them at home. It is important they are brought back to school daily as we will use them as part of our spelling lessons every day.

### Rewards

As you may be aware, children can earn up to three green stickers weekly. If children earn enough by the end of each half term they receive an 'always child' certificate. These are earned for attendance, behaviour and work. Children earn a sticker for their work by completing homework on time and reading weekly. Please encourage your child to do this in order to earn as many stickers as possible!

My door is always open so please feel free to approach myself regarding any queries or concerns you may have about your child.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss B. Higham