



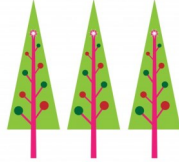
TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class Topic Newsletter - Autumn 2 - Year 4

Every child matters; every moment counts!

Nearly Christmas—Ho ho ho!

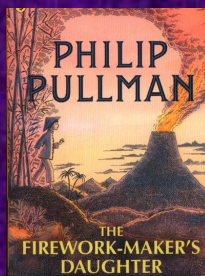
Welcome back after the half-term holiday. I hope that you managed some quality family time together. The Christmas half-term is now upon us and it'll be here before we know it! We've had a fantastic start to the new school year and the children are working hard. This half-term is going to be busy with new learning and some exciting topics!



ENGLISH

Firstly, we will look at the story of *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. We will be learning how to spell words and also to improve our sentences through the use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and speech. Within this, children will be taught how to correctly punctuate speech.

We will then learn how to write explanation texts through which we will make links to our electricity topic.



Book-et List

The ten books for children in Year 4 to read are as follows:

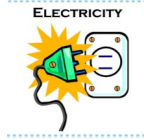
1. The Firework Maker's Daughter
2. The Boy at the Back of the Class
3. Bill's New Frock
4. Charlotte's Web
5. Why the Whales Came
6. World's Worst Teachers
7. Fing
8. The Boy in the Dress
9. The Twits
10. 13 - Storey Treehouse



They have chosen quite a number of the books themselves!

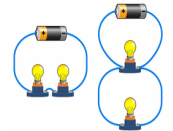
It's Electrifying!

Our topic for this half-term is all about electricity.



We will be:

- exploring circuits
- lighting bulbs
- making motors and buzzers operate
- making switches

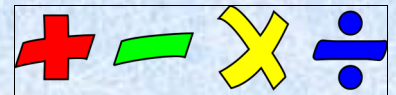


Also, we will be linking this learning to our DT in which we will be making torches.

MATHS

We will be continuing to develop our mental maths skills with a special focus on the 6x and 9x tables. The topics we are learning about include:

- Addition Subtraction Multiplication & Division
- Measures
- Statistics



There is a heavy emphasis on 4-digit numbers in Year 4 (Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Units).

Bucket List

Children worked together to help to create a list of six things that they would like to accomplish this year.

- Build a den
- Go on a trip
- Make a model
- Do some baking
- Painting
- Make a fire



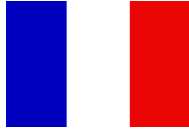
WELCOME
BACK
TO
SCHOOL

Staff in Year 4

Mrs Atkinson
Mrs Whittaker
Miss Westwell

Geography

Our Geography topic is about a region in a European country so we will be learning about a region in France.



Forest School

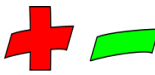


Forest School will begin on Thursday 7th November when children will require Forest School kit. This will include spare socks, a hat and gloves as the weather is colder.

MATHS HOMEWORK

Minute Maths will be set on a Thursday and will be stuck in their homework book. Please time your child 1 minute per section. If they cannot yet reach the bottom within one minute, please ask your child to underline where they reach before finishing them off. Alternatively, you can write how long it took them at the base of each strip. The idea is that they begin to improve their scores over time.

Please practise times tables with your child as they are vital. All Year 4 children need to know all of their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. Your child should already be able to rapidly recall their 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x and 8x tables and the related division facts so I would appreciate it



very much if you could practise these if you know that your child does not know them yet.



As a general guide, they should be able to answer questions within 6 seconds.



EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA!

Miss Westwell will continue to be teaching the children computing, PSHE and music on a Wednesday afternoon.

On Monday afternoons, Year 4 are taking part in a Maths on the Move programme.



HAPPY 9TH BIRTHDAY THIS
HALF-TERM TO...

Maisie, Harry, Charlie P

DATES TO REMEMBER

4th Nov—PTFA Toast Morning

11th Nov—Anti-bullying Week

2nd Dec—PTFA Toast Morning

4th Dec—Santa Pop-up Shop—£2 a gift

13th Dec—Santa Sing-a-Long

17th Dec—Carol Service in church 6.30pm

18th Dec—Christmas Lunch

18th Dec—Christmas Party

19th Dec—School Closes 2pm—NO AFTER
SCHOOL CLUB

Monday – PE kit needed

Thursday – Maths homework given out

Thursday – Spelling homework given out

ENGLISH HOMEWORK

Reading

Please hear your child read and ask them questions about the books that they are reading in order to develop their understanding and find evidence for their answer in the text.

Spelling

Spellings will be given out on a Thursday. Your child will have their spellings in their homework book and will have a week to learn them as they



will be tested the following Wednesday.

