



Compassion

Trust

Wisdom

Fellowship

Friendship

Peace

## This week in Year 4

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

### **English:**

The children spent last week planning, writing, editing and then using Word to type up their independent poems. I was so impressed with the quality of the children's poems, and I hope you enjoyed reading it. This week we will start our fiction unit, introducing, 'The Butterfly Lion' written by Michael Morpurgo. We will start the week by reading chapters 1-4, then we will role play a conversation between Bertie and his father.

### **Spellings:**

This week we will focus on words that add the prefix auto- (meaning 'self' or 'own'); autograph, autobiography, automatic, autofocus, autocorrect, autopilot, autopsy, automobile, autonomy, and autocue. These spellings can be found in your child's homework folder. The children will be tested on Tuesday (7.05.24). If your child has returned home with a different spelling list, please focus on those words and not the ones mentioned above.

### **Maths:**

This week we will start our 'Position and Direction' unit. Children are introduced to coordinate grids and begin to describe the positions of points on a grid. We will also learn that the x-axis is horizontal and the y-axis is vertical. Next the children will use their understanding from the previous lesson to plot points with given coordinates on a grid. Children gain more experience of reading and plotting points by drawing 2-D shapes on a coordinate grid towards the end of the week.

### **Homework:**

Homework will be sent out on Wednesdays and needs to be returned to school by the following Monday. I have spoken to the children about this and have suggested ways in which they can organise their time to ensure their homework is handed in on time. This week's homework will include an English activity, and a Mathematics activity. There is a big focus on the children learning their times tables this term, please encourage your child to go onto times tables rock stars as often as possible; <https://trockstars.com/>

### **Other Matters:**

- Ufton Court Residential Trip – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.
- The children voted to read, 'The Blunders' written by David Walliams. This is our class book for this half term that we will read at the end of the school day.
- The children will have their PE lesson on Wednesdays and Fridays, they will need to remember to bring their PE kit in on those days.
- Please encourage your child to read daily at home and sign their reading record, I have informed the children that I will be checking their reading records every Friday.
- Please encourage your child to access TTRS at least three times a week.
- My email address is [h.salem@tssfirs.co.uk](mailto:h.salem@tssfirs.co.uk) should you need to contact me.