



Sky, Royal and Ocean

A message from the class team

Dear Parents and Carers,

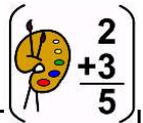
Welcome back to a brand new school year from all in Year 4! We hope you enjoyed your summer break and have returned rested and full of enthusiasm for the year ahead. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this half term, including our new topic, *As Cold As Ice*.

A quick reminder that it is important that everyone arrives at school on time, with their bookbag and PE kit (on PE days). If you have any questions or queries, then please feel free to talk to one of us either in the morning or after school.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Robertson, Mrs Boyle and Miss Jarvis (class teachers)

Our topic this term – As Cold As Ice



In **English**, we will begin by exploring *The Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells. We will look at the way the author describes settings effectively and discuss the characters' feeling and motives. We will then go on and write our own continuation of the story, using descriptive language. We will also look at winter-themed poetry, exploring the language used in poems as well as performing them.

In **Maths**, we will focusing on place value initially. We will compare and order numbers, discussing the value of each digit as well as introducing the concept of negative numbers. We will then look at addition and subtraction, practising our mental and written methods for both.

In **Science**, we will be looking at changing states of matter, comparing and grouping materials into solids, liquids and gases. We will also investigate the changes to certain materials when they are heated or cooled.

In **Geography**, we will be looking at Polar Regions, locating them and looking at explorers who have travelled to them. We will also investigate the water cycle and how it moves water around the world

In **Computing**, we will be practising our digital research skills when looking at polar explorers, as well as building and programming a workable model of a water dam.

In **PSHE**, we will hold PATHS sessions to support our learning about our feelings and behaviours, as well as taking part in weekly philosophical discussions.

In **French**, we will be learning about food, drink and eating out in France. Bon appetit!

In **Music**, we will continue to develop our recorder skills, looking at changes in pitch and volume.

In **Art/DT**, we will be exploring sketching, practising different tones, techniques and colours. We will also be looking at the work of Rembrandt in detail.

In **PE**, we will be learning the skills required to play rugby. We will also be honing our skills at long distance running to build stamina as well as completing circuit training.

Teacher Timetable

Mrs Boyle will be out of class on Tuesday mornings. On the morning she is not in class, she will be covered by Mr Gillies and Ms. Duggan.

Miss Jarvis will be out of class on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. On the afternoons she is not in class, she will be covered by Mr Gillies and Ms. Duggan.

Mr Robertson will be out of class Friday afternoons. On the afternoon he is not in class, he will be covered by Mr Gillies and Ms. Duggan.

Key dates for this half term



12th September – Meet the Teacher @ 3:45pm

13th September – Roald Dahl Day

11th October – 4 Sky trip to the National Maritime Museum

11th October – 4 Royal and 4 Ocean trip to the National Maritime Museum

19th October – Last day of half term (for pupils)

20th October – School Closed – INSET day

P.E. times

Royal – Tuesday

Sky – Friday

Ocean – Friday

Please remember to bring your PE kit:
a team colour t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit bottoms,
trainers or plimsolls.

Each class goes swimming on Thursdays. Please ensure you child has a full swimming kit, including a towel, swimming costume and a swimming hat.

Home Learning and ways to help your child at home



We will be giving home learning out on Fridays. Please encourage your child to complete it independently and return it on the following Wednesday.

- Every child **MUST** be reading at home EVERY night and the reading record must be signed by parent or carer.
- Every child **MUST** bring a book bag as it is part of their uniform and they are required to take books to read at home every night. *These books must be returned to the school once they have been read.*
- Please help your child to practise learning number bonds to 100 as well as their times tables.
- Please talk to your child about their learning. At times we will be sending a project home for your child to complete. It would be great if you could work alongside your child to complete these projects.

Getting in touch

Should you have any queries regarding your child, members of staff from our class are usually available in the playground at the end of each school day. Alternatively, you can speak to one of our Assistant Heads or our Deputy Head teacher.

