

Class 4 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back... from a very wet summer holiday! I hope you all had a wonderful time keeping busy and making memories! This term already feels jam-packed full of excitement. As always, any questions or queries just give me a shout!

Exciting Reads Ahead!

We are thrilled to announce that our next reading adventures will take us through *Shackleton's Journey* and *Secrets of a Sun King*. Both books are packed with twists and turns, sure to captivate the children's imaginations. These stories not only promise to keep the young readers engaged but also help them develop the skills needed to become confident and joyful readers. Let's get ready for a fantastic journey into these gripping tales!



Writing for Purpose!

This year, our focus is all about writing with purpose. We want our children to understand that their writing is both valued and meaningful. We'll kick off the year with stories that center around important morals, and then move on to exploring the beauty of poetry and the structure of non-fiction. Keep an eye out as we plan to share more of the children's writing with parents and the wider community throughout the year!



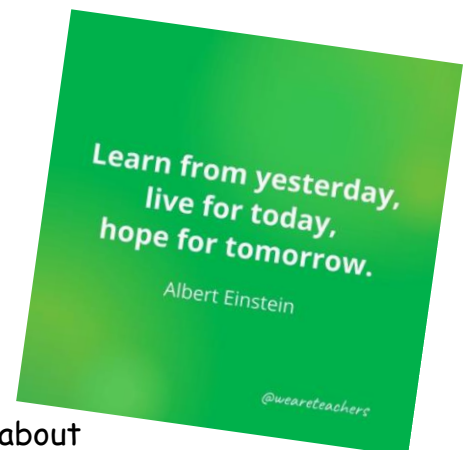
Blast off through Earth and Space

In Science, we're starting an exciting unit on Earth and Space! We'll be learning about the solar system, how the planets orbit the sun, and why we have day and night. We'll also explore the phases of the moon and understand what life is like for astronauts in space. This topic will help us uncover the wonders of

our universe and the important role Earth plays in it. Get ready for an engaging and informative journey through space!

Mastering Maps: Unlocking Grid Reference Skills!

This half term in Geography, we are setting off on an exciting adventure to master map reading using 4 and 6 figure grid references. You'll learn how to locate precise points on a map and navigate like expert explorers. From identifying hidden landmarks to plotting routes, we'll explore how maps can guide us through new places. These skills will help you read maps confidently and open up a world of exploration, whether you're planning an outdoor adventure or just discovering more about your surroundings. Get ready to navigate the world like a pro!



Cracking Computer Systems and Networks

This term in Computing, Year 5 & 6 will explore how computer systems and networks work. We'll dive into how data moves, how the internet connects us, and how information flows through networks. Get ready to understand the technology that powers our world!

Art Inspired by the Space Race!

This term, our art lessons will take inspiration from science as we explore the Space Race. We'll delve into the purpose and impact of iconic images from the 1950s and 60s Space Race era, encouraging the children to develop their independence and decision-making through open-ended and experimental art processes. Using a combination of drawing and collagraph printmaking, the children will create their own futuristic images, blending history with creativity!



Exploring the Magic of Film Music!

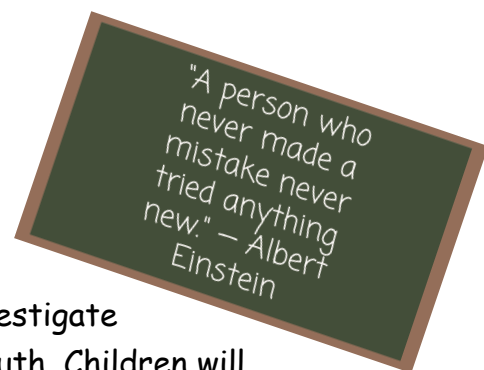
This term, we will dive into the world of film music and the incredible scores that bring movies to life. The children will explore and identify the unique characteristics that make film music so captivating. They will also get the chance to create their own compositions and graphic scores to perform alongside a film, combining creativity with musical understanding!

Bringing Maths to Life!

We begin the year by reinforcing our understanding of place value before moving on to key arithmetic skills, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and fractions. To deepen the children's grasp of maths, we will incorporate more real-life contexts into our daily lessons. This approach will help the children see how maths extends beyond the classroom and applies to the real world around them.

Exploring Big Questions in Religious Education

This term, we will explore the profound question: "What is the nature and character of God?" Through this, the children will investigate key concepts and questions of belonging, meaning, purpose and truth. Children will also be encouraged to articulate their beliefs, values and commitments, understanding their importance in their own lives and the lives of others.



Active Adventures in P.E.

This term, we are excited to focus on developing our skills in lacrosse—a fast-paced and thrilling game that the children absolutely love! We will also have dedicated coaching sessions for football to sharpen our ball-handling skills. Additionally, we'll head up to the woods each week for outdoor sessions with Anna, where we'll connect with nature, explore local wildlife and learn essential skills for living harmoniously within it.



Class 4 Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.35-8.50	Morning work- maths and spellings focus				
8.55-9.10	Collective Worship				
9.10-10.10	Reading and Spellings				
10.10-10.50	Writing/Maths	Lacrosse	Writing/Maths	Writing/Maths	Writing/Maths
10.50-11.05	Breaktime				
11.05-12.00	Writing/Maths	Writing/Maths	Writing/Maths	Writing/Maths	Writing/Maths
12.00-13.00	Lunch Break				
13.00-15.10	R.E and Art		Science/Geography and Computing		
	Writing/Maths	Woodland Schools	Music, PSHE and French		
			Science/Geography and P.E		
15.10-15.25	Story Time				