

# Class 4 Newsletter



Bishop Hooper Primary  
School



Autumn Term 2017

This newsletter is intended to give you some information about the sort of activities that your child is experiencing this term. It will also give you information and reminders that you may find useful.

## English

Children will develop a range of English skills working in both small ability groups and independently. They will read in guided reading groups (Book Talk) and will experience a range of books and genres throughout their literacy units, including historical fiction through studying 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo and looking at a significant children's author—Philip Pullman through studying 'Northern Lights' and 'Clockwork'. There will also be an emphasis on punctuation and grammar as Y6 are required to complete a 'Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling' test in May in addition to their Reading, Writing and Maths SATs.



## Maths

Children have a Maths lesson every day which may take the form of practical work, a problem solving investigation, mental work or more formal rehearsal in workbooks. The de-term planning for Y5 and 6 in Maths can be found on our website for further information.



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## Science

We are investigating Earth and Space and Light and Shadows in Science this term. A visit to the Space Guard Centre in Knighton is planned—we hope to get the letters out soon!



## History

Class 4 will be busy finding out about Ancient Greece.

## Geography

## PE

This term we will be covering Swimming, Football, Rugby and Hockey. The children need to have a PE kit in school at all times because although we have PE timetabled for Fridays, we sometimes have to change this due to the weather or outside specialists. They will also need their swimming kit every Wednesday during this term.



## French

In French we will be covering personal information including names, age and birthdays. The children will also learn the months of the year, colours and items of clothing.

## Computing

The children will be looking at iNetwork which explores how computer networks connect people and allows us to share information and resources. iProgram will also be covered which involves visual programming in designing games such



## Food Technology

The children will be learning about recipes and cooking dishes from around the World.

## Art

Class 4 are looking at different drawing techniques, still life, shading, light and dark.

## Music

We will be exploring lyrics and melody. The children will also be continuing to play the recorder.

## Homework

- The children will have Maths homework, spellings and, where appropriate, English or Science homework on a Friday which is to be back at school for the following Thursday. They will be given a Homework Book, which they need to cover at home in a paper of their choice, making these books easily distinguishable. The children also have mental maths challenges in school, such as a mixture of different times tables every week and therefore, it is worth practising times tables in short repetitive bursts throughout the week rather than just once.
- Spellings will be tested every Friday. Your child will be given a spelling folder which will contain all of the spellings to be learnt during each week.
- It is important for the children to keep up good reading habits daily, so please remind your child to write in their Home School Record when they have read at home each evening, or when they have been heard by another person. Homework diaries will be signed on a Friday and anyone who has read at least 4 times that week will earn house points!

*If there are any questions please don't hesitate to ask!*

*Many thanks—Mrs Mantle*