

## Year 4, Class 11 News

### Spring 1

School closes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

School reopens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

#### Curriculum information: topics for each term

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Misty Mountain Sierra	I am warrior!	Burps, Bottoms and Bile	Road Trip USA!	Potions	Blue Abyss

#### Timetable

<b>Monday</b>	Guided Reading	English	Maths	P.E
<b>Tuesday</b>	Guided Reading	English	Maths	Topic
<b>Wednesday</b>	Guided Reading	English	Maths	Topic
<b>Thursday</b>	Guided Reading	English	Maths	Topic
<b>Friday</b>	Guided Reading	English	Maths	Science

#### Homework

	Given out	Collected in	Test
<b>Maths (Timestables)</b>	Monday	Friday	Friday
<b>Spellings</b>	Monday	Friday	Friday

#### Forthcoming events

Date	Event
<b>24/1/2017</b>	Parents Evening (appointments from 3:30 till 7)
<b>WB: 6/2/2017</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Y4 Primary Engineering Week</u></b></p> <p>Children will be given the chance to build a model car alongside an engineer from the company Elring Klinger. Engineers from Nissan and Caterpillar will also be in school to give presentations about their companies, what they do and why education is important.</p>

## A message from Mr Mayes

Last half term, we really enjoyed our work leading up to Christmas. Some of the reading and writing work linked to the Nativity was excellent and I thought the children's retelling of this classic story was brilliant. The children also enjoyed their Maths work. They began to learn about fractions and statistics and we will be revisiting these areas later on in the year. This half term we will return to learning about place value in numbers as well as adding and subtracting using a column written method.

It is parents evening this half term so please come along and have a discussion about your child's progress. It is also a great opportunity to ask me any questions or just enjoy looking in their books. I know the children have been taking more pride in their work and would love to show it off.

We are really looking forward to our new topic – Bottoms, Burps and Bile! This is all based on the human body. We are using this as a stimulus all our writing and will be using different books from the Human Body Detectives by Dr. Heather Manley to David Walliams' Demon Dentist. This topic gives the children an opportunity to investigate how we function but also why it is important to eat the right foods in order to be healthy. I am looking forward to having a discussion with them about healthy eating and what they think it involves!

We are having a big focus on reading this term. We are changing the way it is taught in school by moving to a more discussion based approach to lessons. We will also be rewarding children who read at home every night with house points and other prizes. So it is important that reading books and diaries are brought into school everyday to be checked. I appreciate that sometimes your child will read the same book more than once but we will always try to change reading books every day. Reading is really important because it also helps the children to become better writers so an improvement in your child's reading will have a big impact upon their writing.

Finally, I want to thank you again for all your support with your child's learning. In Year 4 they are continuing with their KS2 weekly times tables tests. A quick reminder that your child needs to learn the multiplication and division facts up to 12 and be able to recall them quickly. Most of the children in class are well on their way to being a times table master so don't forget to continue to practise. Remember there are some super apps on the tablet like Maths Rockx and DK Ten Minutes a Day Times Tables that will help.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.