

Class 4 Newsletter



Dear all,

Class 4 have had a super start and busy, to the new school term. We are delighted to be taking part in the York Schools Shakespeare Festival this year. We have been rehearsing hard and have produced a brilliant interpretation of *The Tempest*, Act I; Scene I. I am so proud of the children's determination, creativity and fantastic acting. We are very excited to be performing at The York Theatre Royal.

We will be investigating rivers and canals in topic work. What were they used for? Who looks after our waterways and how we can stay safe around water. In science, we are also looking at how we preserve habitats and how creatures adapt, over time, to their habitats.

The children have already designed and made a 'Heworth Bug'. We will be investigating how this creature would adapt to its habitat, how it moves, what it eats and whereabouts it would live. One is missing already so keep a close eye out for anything unusual crawling around the school!

If you have any questions or concerns, I am available to talk to briefly on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings or for a longer appointment, we could book some time on a Friday, after school.

English

In Literacy we are looking at stories from faraway lands and studying authors such as Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham. A strong focus this term will be on unpicking the language and structure of texts and authorial intent. Come and see our displays to find out more!

Each Tuesday your child will be sent home with spellings to learn and practise at home. Please help your child to memorise these. We are focussing on prefixes and suffixes. Thank you. Book change is on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please encourage your child to change their book regularly.

Maths

The children will be building on their knowledge of the times tables and the division facts. Please could you help your child at home by encouraging them to use Numbergym? We are also focussing on angles, shapes and time this term. Any work done at home will support the learning we do in class and will reinforce maths in a fun way!

www.numbergym.co.uk

Schools online. Username: heworth

Password: heworth31

We have PE twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. They will need school PE kit and appropriate outdoor footwear please.

Children may bring a healthy snack (e.g. Fruit) to have at break time.

Homework

Spellings will be sent home on Tuesday and tested the following week.

My Maths homework will be online on a Friday (when appropriate) and should be completed by the following Wednesday. Time is given on Weds lunchtimes for children, without access to the internet, to complete the homework. Please encourage your child to read through the lesson first before completing the homework.

Reading is a valuable part of your child's education. Please ensure your child reads for 15 minutes every day, preferably aloud to an adult, and write in their planner the page read to. The planner is checked each morning.