

Year 4 Autumn Term Letter

Welcome to the new Autumn Term ~ 2017! We have an exciting year planned for you and here is an outline of some of the things the

Parents, please make sure that the office has your up-to-date contact details, including an email address to receive weekly newsletters.

RE-Christianity

We will be celebrating Harvest festival and appreciating all the hard work that enables us to have a range of produce in our shops and homes. Children will be learning how other cultures and religions celebrate Harvest too. We will also be commemorating Remembrance, discovering Celtic Cornwall and later of course, doing lots of fun activities with a Christmas theme!

P.E: Miss Andrew will be delivering outdoor PE lessons on a Wednesday and the class teachers will be teaching indoor PE during the week. The children will be taking part in lessons to develop ball skills and gymnastic skills. Please ensure that PE kits are in school every day as timetabling of lessons is liable to change to accommodate the needs of the curriculum across the school.

Science:

As part of our codebreaking topic, children will develop their understanding of series circuits, switches and conductors and insulators.

If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to pop in to see us. After school is usually better as we have more time to give you then. Please encourage your children to talk to us if they have a worry as we can't sort anything out unless we know about it.

children will be learning about this term.

Code Breakers/The Rotten Romans



Computing:

Children will be investigating different codes including cyphers and data encryption. This will form part of our topic work on codebreaking. Later on in the term, children will begin to program code for a computer game which will use variables to generate number questions.

Home learning: Please hear your child read regularly and support them with learning their weekly spellings and times tables. A home learning grid will be stuck into your **child's home learning book** with an explanation and a hand-in date. Please also check the website for letters and home learning grids.

Staff:

Bluff: Mr Bagley and Mrs Sutcliffe.

Daymer Bay: Mrs Davies, Miss Hilbery, Mrs Pascoe and Miss Reid.

STAR learning

(Stimulating, Team-based, Aspirational, Relevant)

History: This term the children will investigate the Romans, their occupation of Britain and the lives of people during that period of history (including their homes, schools, food, the armed forces, architecture and entertainment).

Art: We will be looking at different aspects of Roman art. This will include creating mosaics, investigating the patterns used to decorate shields, Roman pottery and research/drawings of Roman Gods.

D.T : Children will be testing their design skills by planning and making a working model of a catapult. They will be working in wood and developing their cutting and joining skills as well as developing their understanding of levers.

Music: - Children will be learning about rhythm and timbre, learning songs from Horrible Histories and composing their own musical pieces.

French: – Asking and answering questions in French, developing descriptive language and everyday vocabulary. Learning new vocabulary and adding it to a vocabulary book.

Parents, please ensure that all school uniform and P.E. kit is named to help with lost items being returned.