

**Year 4 – Spring Term Newsletter**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Happy New Year!**

Christmas seems a long time ago now! I hope you all had a restful break with your families. Thank you for all the cards and gifts- they are much appreciated.

**Harry Potter**



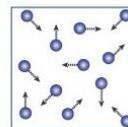
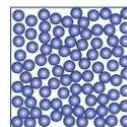
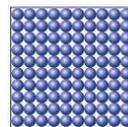
We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Warner Brothers' Studios.

**Spring Term Curriculum**

- **English:** We have spent the first two weeks completing our work on Harry Potter and will begin our new text on Monday (the children can share with you on Monday what it is!). We will be using the text to work on the skills of reading and as a stimulus for writing and applying new grammatical devices learnt.
- **Maths:** We have begun this year with Multiplicative Reasoning where we are learning how to multiply up to 4 digits by 1 digit, using a formal written method. Our next unit is Fractions, which we will begin next week. During the rest of the term we will be learning about shape, money, decimals and problem solving in all these areas.
- **Times Tables** This term we will be having a big focus on times tables; it is imperative that by the end of Year 4 all children know their tables up to x12. Therefore, I will be sending home a copy of these with each child today- please give them opportunities to practise with you daily as this is how they will become fluent. Strategies include chanting, timing and questioning.



- RE: We are currently studying the unit Christmas. After that, we will be studying the unit- Jesus, the Light of the World looking at Baptism and how we become children of God.
- Science: States of Matter -we have begun to discover how we can identify what solids, liquids and gases are, and how the particles within them behave. Look out for the videos of us modelling this.



- It's a Mystery! Our new unit this term is It's a Mystery! In this, we will be incorporating our History, Geography, Art, DT and Computing curriculum areas. In History we will be studying The Stone Age to The Iron Age eras and the changes that occurred during these significant times. We will study in Geography how the world changed over this time- we are currently finding it amazing as we are looking at the timeline and it is difficult to comprehend a world so long ago! A trip will be organised to complement our learning- details will be sent out as soon as possible.

Art: Cave art and make a stone-age style necklace.

DT: Design, make and evaluate a replica of an Iron Age style round house.

Computing: Using the 3D printer, the children will be designing and making a mystery item! Mr Youson will be guiding them through this process- Miss Piercy and I are looking forward to the big reveal!

- PE: Swimming and Kurling. Throughout Spring term, Year 4 are having swimming lessons at the Excel Centre accompanied by Mr Cooke and Mrs Durrans.
- Music: We need to get our singing voices ready for our Easter play – it will be here before we know it!
- E-Safety: We are completing a programme of work about how to keep safe online. This is something that can be worked on further at home. Some good websites to visit and discuss with your child are: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/> <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

### Key Information

Swimming: Children are to have the appropriate kit each Tuesday. No earrings are to be worn on Tuesdays. Please ensure that if your child has been prescribed with an inhaler, that we have one in school.

Homework – Times tables challenge will continue to be sent out each Friday. Children are to complete as many questions as possible in the 4 minutes. Weekly spellings will be available online and will be stuck to the classroom window for you to see. Children will also be expected to practise their times tables and reading daily. Please listen to your child read as often as possible and sign the record to say that this has been done.

Clubs: Please encourage your child to sign up to a club if they haven't already done so. It is wonderful to see the children spending time taking part in these wide varying activities.

### Important Dates

<b>Wednesday 23rd January</b>	Piano Assembly (9.15am)
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 3 & 4 class Mass (9.15am)
<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Open Evening
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of half term
<i>*Half Term: Monday 8<sup>9</sup><sup>th</sup> February– Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February *</i>	
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Teacher Training Day- School closed

**Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>** Ash Wednesday whole school Mass

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** World Book Day

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Play

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April** Whole School Mass

***Last Day of Term: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.***

***School re-opens: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April***

*\*Please stay up to date with dates for your diary and any changes that may occur by regularly checking our school webpage.*

If you're not currently receiving the school newsletter, please let the office know so that you can keep up to date with what's happening in school, as dates do sometimes change. Also, please visit our class blog which is updated on a weekly basis. <http://www.allsoulsschool.co.uk/category/year-4-blog/>.

We have had a busy start to the year so far and we are looking forward to the term ahead as we will see the children flourish in this Spring Term. If you do need to speak with us, for any reason, don't hesitate to contact school to make an appointment.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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