

Welcome back everyone after a very long break. We hope that you have had an enjoyable time where possible. We can't wait to see you back at Goldthorn!

This year we are adopting an exciting, thematic approach to teaching. This allows children to make connections between areas of learning, and consolidate skills. All the themes chosen, deliver the programmes of study for the National Curriculum. MFL, R.E and Science will be taught discreetly. We will still have our creative homework books for home learning.

## Maths

In Year 4 this term, we will be developing our understanding of place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division, as well as focusing on times tables rapidly recalling them and using this knowledge to solve problems. The four rules of number will be at the heart of our maths learning, with more formal written methods being practised alongside worded problems where we will learn to reason mathematically and problem solve.

## English

In English this term, we will focus on a classical fictional unit followed by newspaper report writing linking this to our new topic: FantaSEA. The children will be encouraged to use a variety of vocabulary, conjunctions, openers and punctuation to enable them to make their writing exciting, ensuring it engages the reader. We will continue to work on spelling, grammar and punctuation skills (SPAG) throughout the year during our daily OMS, with help from Ollie the Octopus.

## Science

In Science, the children will develop their understanding of states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) during this term. They will continue to develop their investigative skills while using scientific vocabulary to explain, predict and conclude. There will be many exciting and noisy experiments to be planned and undertaken during this thrilling topic!

## PE

This term we will be having Soccer 2000 on a Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure the correct kit is in school at all times and jewellery is removed.

## Religious Education

The children will learn what it is like to be Jewish this half term and explore the synagogue.

## MFL

We will be continuing to learn more French this year. Starting with numbers and colours.

## Art & Design Technology

All of our Art this term will be focussed on our new topic. We will be making thoughtful observations and creating a seascape.

## Geography

We will be using the World Atlas to explore the seas and oceans. We will be diving deep into the layers of the ocean.

## History

In History, we are going to be looking at famous explorers and identifying how they have influenced our lives today.

## Music

In Music, children will explore 'rhythmic patterns' and learn how to create arrangements using a variety of instruments.

## Computing

As always, we will be reinforcing e-safety throughout all of our computing sessions whilst using the internet for research.

