# Information for Parents and Carers Class 4: Autumn Term 2



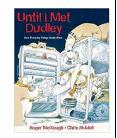


# **Natural or Man-made?**

This half term, we will continue our **Geography** learning based on 'Where in the World is Greenfield?', building om their mapping skills and learning about natural and manmade geographical features.

#### **English:**

This half term, we will learn to write explanation texts using **Until I Met Dudley** by Roger McGough and Chris Riddell, as our inspiration. We will continue to build our understanding of grammar and punctuation conventions and apply this to our writing across the curriculum.



#### Maths:

In maths, we will begin with a focus on formal methods of division and, for Year 6, using rounding to estimate and check answers. We will develop our understanding of fractions and decimals and in measurement, focus on perimeter, area and calculating using timetables.

#### Science:

This half-term we will finish our **Materials** topic with an investigation about dissolving. We will then move onto our new topic of **Light.** The children will learn how light travels, how light and objects interact with our eyes and why shadows have the same shape as the object that casts them.

#### PE & Games:

This half term's PE will be **Gymnastics** on Tuesdays and **Basketball** on Thursdays.



Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times, as days can change if the hall is booked out or the weather is poor. Please provide trainers or pumps and bobbles to tie back long hair.

### How you can help at home

- Class 4 home-learning will be set on Fridays and should be completed by the following Wednesday.
- It will usually consist of a piece of Maths and English work to consolidate the learning in class.
- There will also be a set of **spelling words** for the children to practise for a spelling test each Friday.
- To support our topic learning this term, there will be a set of **HOME LEARNING CHALLENGES**. The children should do a minimum of **3 each half term**. *These will be celebrated and shared with the class!*
- Children will note their home learning in their diary each week. Please sign the diary and use the comments box as a way of communicating with me; how they got on, what they enjoyed and any issues that cropped up so that I can follow it up ASAP.
- Finally, it cannot be underestimated how important it is for your child to READ AND BE READ TO regularly. Please encourage them to read and share books with you to build their confidence, fluency, and passion for reading!

# **Class 4 - Dates for your diary:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00 & 3.30 Parents' Mathletics Workshop
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Freddie Fit Sessions
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 6 Red Cross Refugee Workshop
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Parent Teacher Meetings 1
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nov Children in Need Spotacular/School Photos
- 21st Nov Parent Teacher Meetings 2
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Whole school Panto Trip

## **Cross Curricular Learning:**

This half term, our **Spanish** topics are 'Landscape Features' and 'Christmas' and **Music** topic is 'Stars Hide your Fires' which focuses on preparing performances as a group.

Our **PSHCE** and **SEAL** work this half-term will follow the theme of 'Say NO to bullying' and will incorporate Anti-bullying week. In **DT** we will be working with textiles and our **Computing** topic is spreadsheets.