



Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2020

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone well in these very strange and challenging times. Usually I would have had an opportunity to introduce myself and outline the year ahead prior to your child's first day in year 4. Unfortunately, this has not been possible so let me introduce myself here.

I graduated from Leeds Metropolitan University in 2012 and went on to teach PE at Ilkley Grammar School and Ley Top Primary School. During my time at Ley Top I found myself taking up a number of roles including behaviour mentor. I appreciated the difference I could make to the individuals I mentored and decided that as a primary teacher I would be able to make the same impact on a much larger scale. My training finished in the summer of 2017 and I was delighted to join the wonderful team here at Harden. Sport has been a big part of my life and has modelled the person that I am today. Many moons ago, I was a professional rugby player and I have always upheld a competitive spirit and a love for most sports. I try to keep fit through going to the gym, cycling and taking part in triathlons. As a parent of two teenagers, I am all too familiar with the joys of parenthood and the challenges that come with it. I appreciate how important your children's future is and I can reassure you that your child's wellbeing and happiness is my top priority. I really enjoy being a teacher and appreciate what a privilege it is to be in such an important role. I am receiving your children at an age where they are becoming more inquisitive and I feel that my fun approach to learning will not only engage and excite the class but will also lead to fantastic progress. Everything I do this year will always be done to ensure that your children: enjoy learning, work hard, collaborate well, and are polite towards everyone they come across. So, with these as the core values I'm sure that this will enable them to have a great year 4.

Please find below an outline of the main objectives and curriculum content which we will be covering over this term (up until Christmas).

TOPIC:

The Stone Age
The Amazon Basin

ENGLISH:

Stig of the Dump
The Stone Age Boy



Instructional texts
Newspaper reports
Brazilian Folktales

MATHS:

Place Value
Addition and Subtraction
Length and Perimeter
Multiplication and Division

SCIENCE:

Light
Animals including Humans

COMPUTING:

Online Safety
Coding / Creating Codes

GEOGRAPHY

Amazon Basin

HISTORY:

The Stone Age

LANGUAGES – SPANISH:

Parts of the face
School
The home

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Mondays – Invasion games – Tag Rugby / Basketball
Thursdays – Football and Athletics

R.E:

Religion of the world
Christianity, Sikhism and Judaism.



Music

Listening to and appraising music
Knowledge of pitch, rhythm and pulse

P.S.H.C.E:

Health and Wellbeing
Democracy
Friendships and relationships

Art

Model making – Stonehenge
Painting – cave art
Cultural art of the Amazon

HOMEWORK & PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT:

Please continue to support your child at home by checking and encouraging them to read regularly. Discussing what they've read, will not only consolidate their comprehension skills but will also develop their evaluative skills too. Weekly spellings will also be sent out online, to be tested the week after, please check that your child is practising these regularly or even help them to practise them periodically.

Please continue to support and encourage your child to regularly log on to TT Rock Stars. This has been a huge success and the benefits are clearly showing through the school.

Finally, I'm really pleased with the attitude and behaviour of the whole class in their first week in year 4 and I'm really looking forward to working with them throughout this school year.

Kind Regards

Mr Hogg