

Class 4

Hello everybody and welcome back!

Thank you all for the warm welcome I have received from everyone I have met so far. These are exciting times in Class 4! It has been an unusual year but we are going to keep on rising to the challenge this situation has presented us with. All the work you guys did over lockdown and the difficulty of home learning is much appreciated and has made a big difference to your child's learning. Inevitably there will be gaps that we will need to be addressed in class and we will be doing our best to cover these as the year progresses. This term, for our main topic, we are looking at WWII; the history and the impact it had upon our nation. We will be reading the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas in Guided Reading and looking at Anne Frank for our biography and her diary in Literacy as a model for our own writing. There will be Big Debates about the impact of the war and why countries go to war in the first place (including how the effects of The Great War or WW1 led to the second).

In science, we are looking at the Circulatory System and how the heart, lungs and blood function to keep us alive. We will also be looking at the effects of drugs and alcohol on our health and the positive impacts of physical exercise and how this affects the circulatory system. We shall be creating blood smoothies (no actual blood included) and I would like to introduce the class to a real heart so they can experience and appreciate the difference from the version synonymous with Valentine's Day. We shall also look at the effects fear has on the human body and how our body reacts in fight or flight situations.

PE is on Monday and Wednesday and we shall be covering Invasion games in the form of Football and Tag Rugby. Don't forget to send your child in wearing their PE kit on those days in their house colours (that really helps organising them into teams and groups for the games).

Written homework will be sent out on Friday and is to be returned by Thursday of the following week. This may vary over the course of the year depending on our needs as a group. To begin with it will be spellings each week and a maths task which will be either arithmetic and times tables or a challenge based on the work done in class that week. Reading will be as normal (five times a week with the diaries to be returned on a Monday). Remember there are house points up for grabs for the successful completion of homework.

I am always available if you have any questions about our curriculum or your child's progress though there will be a formal parents evening later in the term.

My email address is simon.roper@henleyprimaryschool.net This can be used for questions and queries but be aware that I will only respond between 8 and 5 o'clock week days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Roper