



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a great topic and lots of exciting learning opportunities to begin our year. 'Freedom Fighters' which was previously known as 'Maafa' (a Swahili word meaning 'the great catastrophe') is our first topic title. Throughout this half term, we will learn about the continent of Africa, about the history of the slave trade, and about injustice and prejudice still present around our world today.

Homework will be set regularly in Class 4. New tasks will be given out on a Thursday and will be due in the following Thursday. Each week, children will have the following homework tasks to complete:

- Maths arithmetic sheet
- Reading comprehension activity (Year 6 only)
- Minimum of five entries in Reading Record & Reading retrieval task.
- Spelling activities

Should children wish to complete their homework in school, we are more than happy to facilitate this. All members of Class 4 staff are available throughout the week to support children with homework – just bring it in and ask one of us and we'll do our best to help. Alternatively, we run a homework club on a Friday lunchtime to support children who need help catching up on tasks. For clarity on these homework tasks, there is further information available in the front and back of your child's homework book.

Our reading and writing this term will be linked to our Topic, as we read 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. We will be writing character descriptions and writing letters. In Maths, we'll be looking at place value to begin and revisiting some of the core principles of our number system before we then look at formal written methods for completing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. Our science will focus on living things and their habitats, with a classification systems and micro-organisms.

In computing, children will investigate how systems and searching works when using the internet, and consider how to judge if information is reliable. Our music learning this half term will be focusing on rock music, with a particular emphasis on 'Livin' on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi. In RW, we will be considering the views of Christians and others around ideas of creation as we consider whether religion and science can be conflicting or complementary. In French, children will be learning phrases to introduce themselves to others and in PSHE, we'll be exploring children's views about themselves as we cover our 'Being Me in My World' unit of learning. In Art, the children are learning how to use layering and texture to create landscapes.

Should you have any questions at any point, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
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