



Welcome to Class 4

Hello

I am super excited to be back in Class 4 again. Most of you have already had me as your teacher, and I am looking forward to working with you all again and sharing lots of fun activities.

You know by now how much I love Science, so of course we will be doing lots of that! I want to make your Class 4 learning full of enrichment – activities that will inspire you to learn and investigate! I shall still have my fish tank with me so I hope you will all enjoy caring for our Class buddies, especially ‘Bit’ who was born this year in the class (my first ever baby fish!).

I have a love of animals. Over the years, I have rescued quite a few animals – dogs, cats, tortoises, rabbits and even 2 horses! Please always share your own stories with me. I also enjoy running and boxing...keeps me on my toes and ready for every new day.

Mrs Crowhurst



Getting ready for September – what to expect in your new class.





► *I'm so pleased to say that Mrs Shaw will be staying with Class 4 next year, so she will be supporting us in all subjects every day. Her artistic skills are amazing, and she will be there to help you if you find anything tricky and wants you to know she is also there if you have any concerns and need to have a chat.*

► *Mrs Shaw knows the class routines and curriculum really well, so we are lucky to have her with us again next year.*



Mrs Clayton will also be joining us in the mornings. She'll be helping anyone who is finding things a bit tricky in maths and reading and giving some extra challenges to those who like to make sure they're really testing their brainpower. Mrs Clayton will also be supporting Year 4 maths.

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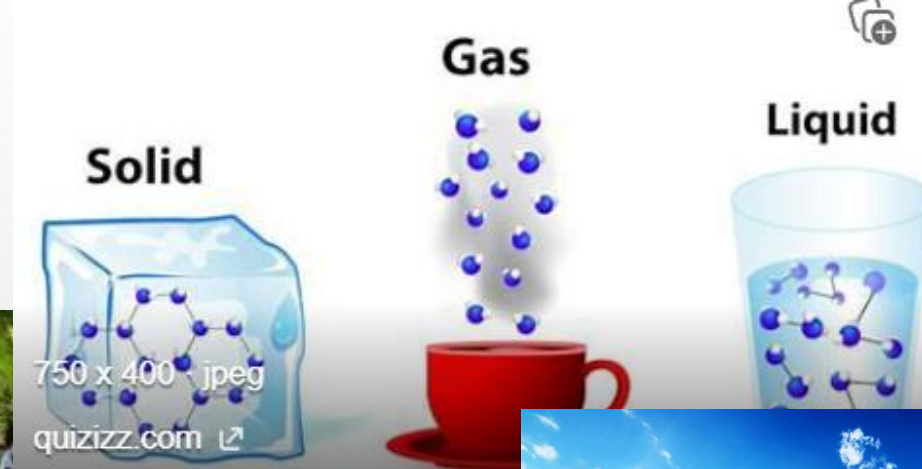
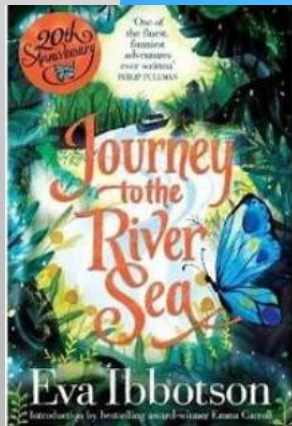
THIS YEAR WE ARE GOING TO BE

EXPLORERS...



Topic taster

Here are some images that represent some of the topics we will be covering from September. Can you guess what these topics will be?

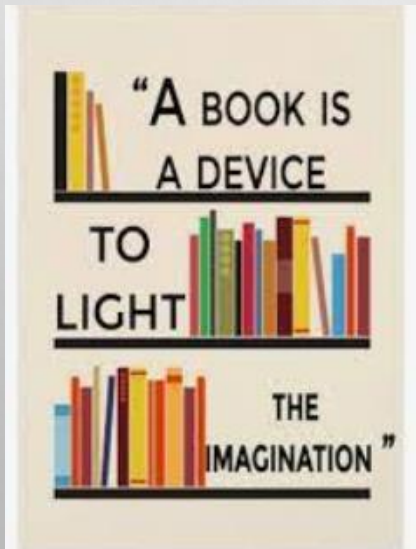


Open up your imagination...



We will have a class novel connected to each topic, which we will read together every day. Alongside this, we will also have whole class guided reading and guided groups. All of these will help to develop key reading skills such as inference and prediction as well as connecting our imaginations with our class topics..

Books have the power to transport us to new worlds and different times; reading opens up a world of opportunities. Last year, our book ‘The miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane’ inspired great discussions, super writing and an enthusiasm to delve deeper into the text with comprehensions. I’m looking forward to reading you our new book and hoping this inspires you all too.



At home, you can fill in your own reading record to share the progress you are making with your own independent reading.

It is also important that you try to read regularly at home. Some homework will be linked to this.

Topic Tasters



**As well as educational, our learning
will fun, engaging and creative.**

**Learning won't be just in the
classroom!**

will enrich your learning journey.



Our Class poem this year will be

The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes (one of my favourites!).

Through the year, we will be practising it, reciting it, using it in drama analysing the structure and grammar techniques as well as creating our own night paintings using light and shadow



Homework

Homework is so important and is planned to support your learning in class. If you have any problems with doing homework and need resources etc., please just let me know and I will help you with this.

Homework gives you the opportunity to practise key skills that have been taught in school. It is also an opportunity for the whole family to enjoy activities and projects linked to topics.

Other activities that I may set are to help you with particular areas of learning such as times tables or handwriting.



Class 4	Y4 - Read at least three times a week to an adult Y5 – read independently for 10 minutes daily	A Literacy activity which should take 15-20 minutes	A weekly spelling list is set	A Maths activity which should take 15-20 minutes	Occasional topic related homework or 'talk homework'
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Class Dojo



We are continuing to use Class Dojo to let you know what we have been up to in class and share our work with you.

If you have any problems using it, please get in touch with the office for help.

Class Dojo can be used to send the class teacher a message, however please remember:

- You shouldn't share information of a sensitive nature in a Class Dojo message
- I may not be able to pick up your message immediately or respond quickly, so please don't message with anything urgent – the school office email should be used for any important messages.



WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

- *SOME OF THE CHILDREN MAY REMEMBER MY CLASS REWARD SYSTEM.*
- *CLASS 4 WILL ALSO BE USING GOING FOR GOLD! MY DAUGHTER'S TEACHER USED THIS; SHE LOVED IT AND REMEMBERS IT 20 YEARS LATER! I USED IT WHEN I BECAME A TEACHER.*
- *THERE ARE FIVE LADDERS (THE COLOURS OF THE OLYMPIC RINGS) AND YOU CAN GET A RUNG ON YOUR LADDER FOR ALL SORTS OF THINGS: GREAT WORK, BEING KIND AND HELPING SOMEONE IN THE SCHOOL ARE JUST SOME EXAMPLES.*
- *WHEN YOU REACH THE LADDER TOP, THERE IS A LITTLE REWARD WAITING FOR YOU!*



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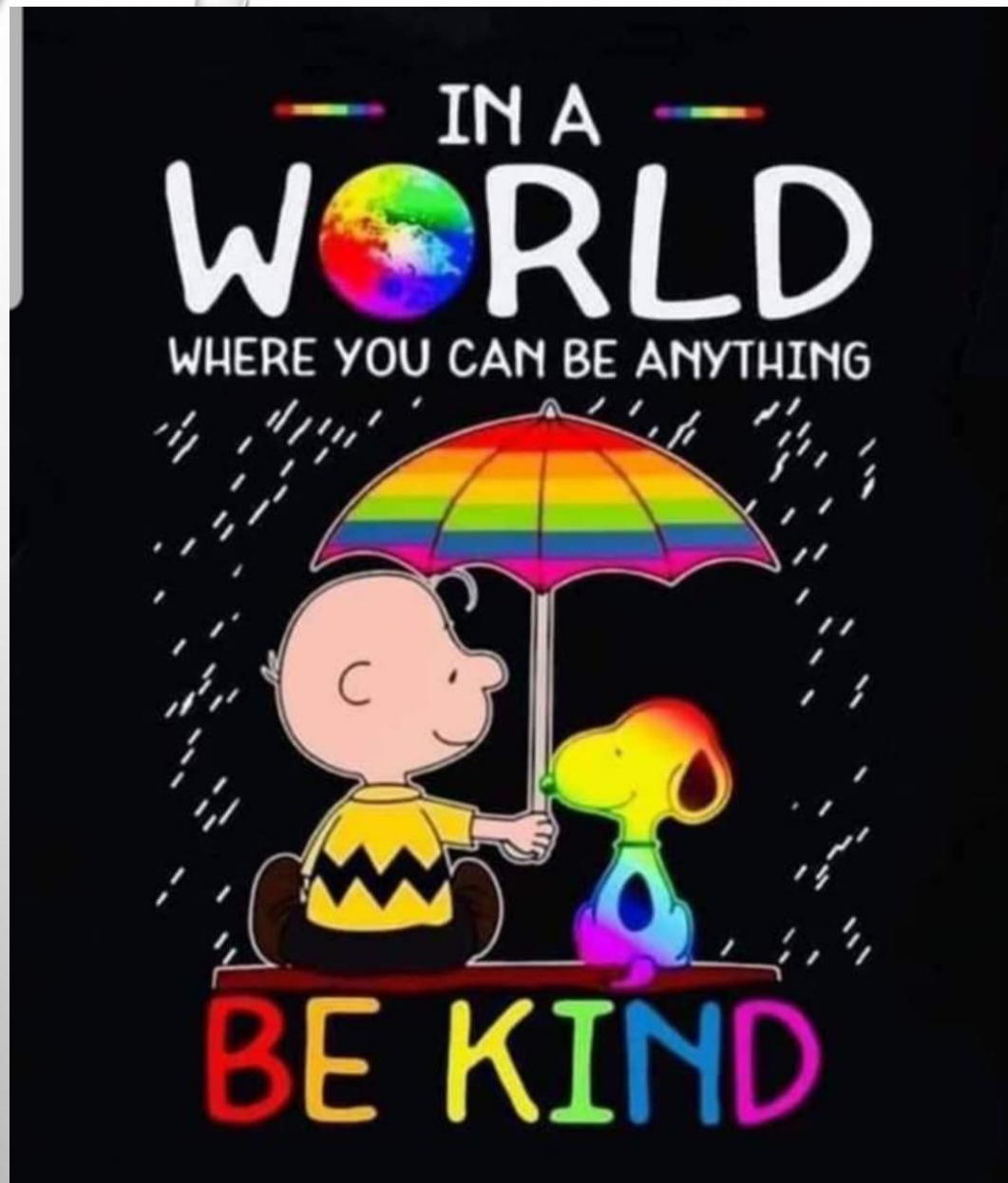
Our Year 4 children will be going on a residential to Castleton this year, spending one night away.

Children have another opportunity to go on residential in Year 6.

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This Year, Year 5 and Year 4 will be going on a residential trip (different times within the year).

Information will be shared for this separately and all teachers/ staff confirmed nearer the date. All going well. I do plan to go with the children - it is such a great experience spending time with the class outside the normal learning environment and being part of their new adventure.



Finally, Snoopy says that being kind and caring about each other is so important. In Class 4, that is what we will do – while we are learning, we will support each other and always be that kind friend.

I'm so looking forward to being your teacher next year, guiding you to be the best you can be and having lots of fun on our journey together!

Mrs C xx