



# Year 4

## Autumn Newsletter

### Topic

Welcome back everyone! Our Autumn Term topic is 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. This half term we are looking at two books, 'The Creakers and Stig of the Dump'. We will be creating artwork inspired by recyclable objects. Geography will be a vital part of this half terms learning. We will of course be continuing our learning of French, PE, RE, Science,



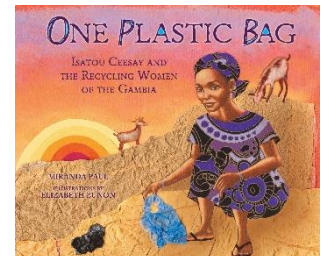
Computing. We are incredibly lucky to have an external music teacher teaching us Samba music every Wednesday. After Half term we will look at a brand-new topic 'Out of Africa' a topic I am extremely excited about. With a focus on the artist Dion Lewis we will create our own African styled artwork. We will also have a strong focus on DT creating items out of plastic bags. For more information, you can find our learning journey on the class page on the school website. You can also see the learning for the rest of the year on the Year 4 curriculum page.



### English



Our English work this half term is focused on writing a story based around fear and suspense. We have started reading 'The Creakers' and the children are captivated. We will be focussing on the skills needed to create a piece of writing that can build fear and suspense for the reader. After half term our book will change to 'One Plastic Bag' and our focus will be to write a story focussing on a 'rags to riches' theme. We will be writing a story where a character turns something of little to no value into something priceless. Alongside our writing we will be continuing to work on our spellings, our spelling scheme where



we have a spelling pattern to learn each week. Handwriting and Spell it activities will take place every morning to ensure progress is successful.

### Year 3 and 4 Spelling List

twinkl [www.twinkl.co.uk](https://www.twinkl.co.uk)

accident(ally)  
actual(ly)  
address  
answer  
appear  
arrive  
believe  
bicycle  
breath  
breathe  
build  
busy/business  
calendar  
caught  
centre  
century  
certain  
circle  
complete  
consider

continue  
decide  
describe  
different  
difficult  
disappear  
early  
earth  
eight/eighth  
enough  
exercise  
experience  
experiment  
extreme  
famous  
favourite  
February  
forward(s)  
fruit  
grammar

group  
guard  
guide  
heard  
heart  
height  
history  
imagine  
increase  
important  
interest  
island  
knowledge  
learn  
length  
library  
material  
medicine  
mention  
minute

natural  
naughty  
notice  
occasion(ally)  
often  
opposite  
ordinary  
particular  
peculiar  
perhaps  
popular  
position  
possess(ion)  
possible  
potatoes  
pressure  
probably  
promise  
purpose  
quarter

question  
recent  
regular  
reign  
remember  
sentence  
separate  
special  
straight  
strange  
strength  
suppose  
surprise  
therefore  
though/although  
thought  
through  
various  
weight  
woman/women





## Maths

We are continuing to follow the Numicon approach, I hope the children will continue with their love of exploring with all the different equipment and will show me their confidence as they are experimenting with different methods. We will be introducing the inverse as our first topic; we will then revisit dividing but going deeper.

## Homework

Take Away Tasks will still be set every Thursday and will be due in the following Thursday. The children can earn house points for completing the activities set which may include Maths, English or topic work linked to our learning. I would love for the children to continue with their daily reading and spelling practise to ensure lots of raffle tickets are collected.

## Show and Tell

I will continue to encourage show and tell that is related to our topic. Children are allowed to bring in one piece of show and tell a week.



## How can you help?

- Regular reading at home (not just their school book) sharing stories and asking and answering questions about what you have read. We usually link the homework to the skill we are assessing that half term so any support you can give will benefit your child. Your children receive raffle tickets for reading and spelling practise at home which contribute to a weekly prize, so please do encourage reading and spelling practise at home.
- Supporting homework tasks while letting them develop their independence. Most children are completing their homework on time, however there are still some late arrivals of homework. The more they do at home the more confident they can be with their work at school.
- Encourage the children to use their neat joined handwriting when they are writing, especially with their homework.

## Important dates:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Maths Investigation day

Tuesday/Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> October - Parents evenings

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Ash class assembly

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Film night

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Non - uniform day £1 donation

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Cineworld film school trip

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Non - uniform day (please bring in Christmas fair items)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas fair 3pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Sharing of work in classrooms 8:45 - 9:15am

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas carol afternoon years 4,5 and 6 2pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day

## ASH CLASS ASSEMBLY

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 9:15am

We would love to show you some of the work we have done this term, please come along if you can.

Hopefully we will keep you up to date with any events and you can always check the classroom window.

Any problems or questions please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Miss Cook and Mrs Shaw