



Year 4 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

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Welcome back!

Happy New Year to you all. It is great to have you all back, working hard and coming to school ready to learn. We would like to thank you all for your continued effort and support in making sure all children are wearing the correct uniform, completing their homework and doing Mathletics. Please make sure you are reading with your children every day and taking the time to have a discussion about the books you read together. Children find it difficult to answer questions which require them to demonstrate an understanding of what they have read. This is really important in developing your child's love of reading and, as a reward, your child may receive a treat at the end of the year from our Raving Readers scheme.

During our English lessons we are looking at fantasy stories, with a focus on 'The Spiderwick Chronicles'. We will be exploring fantasy texts, using role-play to highlight the characters responses to fantasy settings. We will also be focusing on the use of direct speech, punctuation and the use of fronted adverbials and similes within our own fantasy stories. We will also be focusing on different types of poetry and the descriptive language features that are used. We will use this knowledge to compose our own poems.

In science lessons, we will be learning about sounds. We will explore how sounds are produced and discover how our bodies have developed to hear and detect sounds. Children will be carrying out a range of exciting investigations to further develop their scientific skills.

During maths lessons we will be consolidating prior knowledge and practising written calculations. Children will be doing more complex mathematical problems which will require them to use a range of strategies to solve them, and justify how they have attempted these tasks.

In music, we will be continuing to master the art of playing the ukulele with Mr Bradshaw. We hope that some children will be able to use their ukulele skills in the up and coming, 'Copthorne's Got Talent'.

English and maths homework is handed out on Thursday and should be returned on Monday morning. Children will also be given weekly spellings to learn at home and will be tested on these each Monday.

Tour de Europe



This term we will be learning about the physical and human geography of Europe. Your children will be learning to identify countries and their capital cities on a map of Europe by using atlases. We will also investigate Britain's role within the EU, and how this will change over the next few years with Brexit.

Children will finish this topic debating about our decision to leave the EU, which will no doubt produce some strong opinions from them!

Reminders

PE Times

4 Beech: Wednesday (outdoor PE) Thursday (indoor PE),

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PE KIT!

PE

In PE, children will be dancing and learning how to play games of tennis.