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**Year 4 – Spring Term**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I trust you have all had a relaxing break and are ready for the Spring Term!

This term we are focussing a lot of our learning on the topic of Smugglers. The children have already started planning their first piece of extended writing – a Smugglers story. We are also looking closely at the old Dorset Dialect – the poetry of William Barnes is a wonderful example of old Dorset. (You can hear them being read on Youtube).

We will also look at pronouns (he, she, it, them, they etc.) so that the children learn to avoid repetition of one pronoun. e.g. 'They did this, they did that, they did the next thing...'

In maths we have already had fun with Roman Numerals. We are now looking at fractions, starting with hundredths and then moving on to mixed numbers and equivalent fractions.

Science and music are combined this half term as our science topic is Sound. We also have Hannah Trevorrow from DASP coming in to teach the children some songs for the DASP concert in March. At the moment we are singing a selection of songs from film and musicals.

In RE we are making our way through the Liturgical calendar: Revelation is our topic at the moment.

History and geography are all linked in with the Smugglers topic, so we will be looking at life in Dorset in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century - what children wore, what jobs they did, how smuggling influenced the coastal villages in the south-west etc.

We are having a big push on reading this term, so please can you remember to read daily with your child at home and sign their reading contact books.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Kay and the Year 4 team

