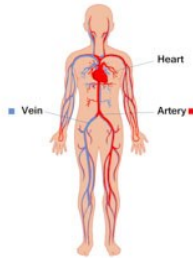


## Science

Animals, including humans lessons will develop knowledge and understanding of the human circulatory system including the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. Children will investigate the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function. We will discuss ways to keep us healthy as well as things that can harm our bodies.



P.E. continues to take place on a Friday afternoon. As this subject is an essential part of our curriculum, please ensure that full P.E. kits are available in school at all times: there may be occasions when the day is changed. Our topics this term are skipping, in which we will prepare a routine to music and basketball which involves working as part of a team defending and attacking.



## Support at home

Please encourage your child to regularly use Times Tables Rock Stars as well as Purple Mash and Bug Club at home to support the learning that will be taking place in class.

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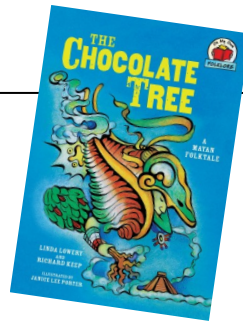
## Class 4 Newsletter

# Spring Term 2019-2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year with your families and friends. Last term was very busy with performances, mass and the Christmas fayre. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a Christmas-themed dance festival at the Beacon of Light and they enjoyed meeting new friends from other schools.

This term, we have more exciting learning experiences to look forward to. We will hopefully be taking part in further sporting events including football tournaments and multi sports. We also have our class liturgy coming up and we will be practicing regularly for the Catholic schools skipping festival in April.



Our class novels for the term, are *The Island* by Armin Greder and *The Chocolate Tree* by Linda Lowery and Richard Keep. The novels link in well with our History, Geography and PSHE work, one linking to relationships and outsiders. And the other based around a Mayan folktale, based in Central America. Our reading and writing activities will link to the novel and will include a descriptive narrative, an explanation, poetry and persuasive writing.

In **History**, we will be focusing on how Mayans lived, comparing their civilization to what was happening in Britain at the same time. We will also find out about their religion and gods.

In **Geography**, we will be discovering more about North and South America, particularly its landscape and climate, along with the major cities.



In **Maths**, we will be looking at the relationship between fractions and decimals and percentages. We will be further developing our calculation methods to include written methods and solving problems. We will be looking at algebra using simple formulae and solving equations. Finally, we will be finding the perimeter, area and volume of shapes.

As we journey towards Lent, we will begin by learning about the importance of Community and its role in our lives.

The God Who Speaks - a Year of the Word.

The Bishops of England and Wales have called for a Year of the Word under the title, '*The God Who Speaks*'. Through reading and discussing scripture, children will deepen their relationship with the God who speaks to us through the Bible.



Please don't hesitate to speak to me at the start or end of the school day if you have any queries or concerns. With so many exciting things going on, don't forget to keep checking our blog on the school website to find out more.

Many thanks,  
Mr. Fannan