

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

18th November 2015

## Midnight Ghosts!

This half term we are learning about horror and suspense stories. In MoE we have been approached by a publisher, who needs us to help write some spooky stories, which would be suitable for nine to twelve year olds. We have been busy collating exciting word banks and considering how to entertain the reader. Last week, we enjoyed outdoor learning and managed to dodge the rain showers! We used aerial maps and coordinates to locate items, we wrote secret messages in code using natural resources and we all took part in a storytelling session using natural items found in the school grounds.



## Homework

This half term, children will receive weekly Maths and English homework to complete.

Children will be tested on their spellings every Friday and we encourage them to read three times a week (at least) to receive a certificate. Children are able to visit the school library each Thursday where they can choose one book to borrow and take home.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMNG!

It's that wonderful time of the year when children have their Christmas parties and celebrate all the hard work they've done so far. On Thursday 17th December children can wear their own party clothes to school. Please ensure your child wears sensible shoes. Please send in a contribution of items for the party such as crisps, drinks, sausage rolls, cakes etc. Christmas post will start on 7th December. Please make sure all cards are clearly labelled with the child's name and class.

### Dates to Remember

Parental Engagement - Tuesday 24th November 1.45—2.45 pm  
You are invited to attend this session where you will work with your child to take part in a craft activity.  
Swimming - Our last swimming session is Thursday 26th November.  
Christmas Carol Concert—Tuesday 15th December at the church.

### Targets

Children have been given their Maths, Writing and Reading targets for this half term. You can help them at home by:-

Writing - We have been looking at effective adjectives so when you are reading with your child, help them to identify descriptive vocabulary. Try writing your own descriptive sentences.  
Reading - As we are looking at narrative stories, children are reading fiction stories during Guided Reading sessions. Please try to hear your child read regularly at home and ask them questions about the story. Children love to earn their reading certificates.  
Maths - Children all have times tables targets this half term so it would be helpful if they could practise as much as possible.

## Friday Challenge

The new zone board was implemented at the beginning of this half term and is already proving very successful. The children have high expectations of their own behaviour and are going above and beyond the expectations of green to get into silver and gold. Well done and keep this up. Friday Challenge was hugely successful last week and the children cannot wait until the next one. We are all on countdown! The children suggested activities that they would like to take part in which would build on team building and social skills. We then decided to run;

Dance  
Construction  
Board Games  
ICT



Each child chose their activity and has signed up to a group for the half term.

### P.E.

This term outdoor PE is every Tuesday. As it is getting colder, please ensure children bring the correct kit to school.  
The last swimming session is 26th November 2015.

### Refreshments

Please ensure your child has their water bottle in school every day and a suitable healthy snack for break time.

### Road Safety

Next week is road safety awareness week. We will be looking at how to stay safe whilst out and about during our class assembly and through follow up activities. Please remember to reinforce these issues at home and to keep yourselves safe when arriving and leaving school.