

# Year 4 Newsletter

May 2017

## Matilda

This half term we have been reading Roald Dahl's Matilda. The children have loved whole class guided reading sessions where they have really been able to get into the story. We have also used some short clips from the film adaptation to support our visual literacy.



This was effective in helping us write some amazing character descriptions about the terrifying Trunchbull. We are currently re-writing a scene from the book to show an alternative chapter. The children are then using their Computing skills and creating an animation based on their chapter. We hope to be able to upload some of these to the school website. Watch this space!

## Home Learning

This half term we have been looking at the relationship between  $\times$  and  $\div$  and using the inverse to help us solve missing number problems. Support your children by practising their times tables and the corresponding division facts e.g.  $3 \times 4 = 12$ ,  $4 \times 3 = 12$  so  $12 \div 3 = 4$  and  $12 \div 4 = 3$

We have been focusing on speech punctuation in our writing this half term too. You can support your child by identifying speech within stories and writing different speech bubbles for each character. They could also practise writing speech as part of a sentence.

"Who has done this?" shouted the Trunchbull, as she stormed into the classroom.

## Moneywise Workshop

Last week we were lucky enough to have a visit from Santander. It was a great workshop where we were able to think about money and where it comes from. It gave us an insight into just how expensive things can be and the importance of saving. It was definitely food for thought!



## Takeover Day

This is where year 4 children work alongside the staff within the school to experience a day in their role. The children are asked to apply for the role they wish to have through a letter addressed to Mrs Baker. The letter should include reasons to show why they would be suitable for the role. Thank you to those that have already submitted their applications. **The deadline for these letters is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.** Parents may support their children with this at home if needed. The children will be told if they have been successful before the end of this half term. Good luck!



## Think of the Month

This month's think is

**Is it ever right to bully a bully?**



When thinking about your response, think about:

\*What do you think?

\*Why do you think it?

Answers on the Think board please!

## Attendance and punctuality

Unfortunately, we have had an increase in lateness over the past few weeks. On occasions this has been due to children having appointments during the school day. We ask that routine appointments are booked for after school or during holidays.

## Democracy Week

During Democracy week the children debated the following statement in their classrooms.

**Corporal punishment should be brought back into schools.**

We had some fantastic arguments to show the sides for and against and the children were able to justify their opinions giving reasons. We then created posters to show the different sides and presented these to the year 3 children. Based on our arguments, the year 3 children then had to vote for or against the statement. It was then our turn to listen to the year 3 arguments and cast our vote.

