

Year 4 Newsletter

Newsletter 4 – November 2017

Ministry Of War Problem Solvers (M.O.W.P.S.)

Well done, Year 4, for making such a fantastic start to your learning this half term. Our new MOE, where we are working for the MOWPS, has really captured the imagination of all.

We have been absolutely delighted with the fantastic homework that has been brought in so far. If your child has not brought theirs in yet, please ensure they do so as soon as possible so we can add it to our displays. The children have produced some exceptional work in school too, including diary entries, a research project into Anderson Shelters and two science investigations into sound.



Mr Dinsdale

We were very lucky to start the new half term with a visit from Mr Dinsdale. Children enjoyed a fun packed talk where they learnt about air-raids, bomb shelters, food and clothes rationing, make do and mend, homemade toys, women's roles during the war and many other aspects of life during World War Two. A great time was had by all.

Parental Engagement

Parental engagement will take place on Tuesday **21st November from 9.00-10.00am**. Please join us if you can. This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to engage with your child and support them in their learning which will be linked to the current MOE. As we do not currently offer a crèche facility, we would ask you not to bring younger siblings along.



Dates for your diary:

Christmas Carol Concert: Monday 11th December
Christmas Party: Thursday 14th December
Pantomime: Friday 15th December

Library

We were delighted to visit our school library this week and take out our first books. We learnt about the way the library has been organised and spent some time exploring the vast selection of new books that have been purchased. Children had a lovely time and were very excited about the whole experience. Remember these books are on a 2 week loan so are due back the week beginning **27th November**.

Learning at Home

New spellings and maths targets have now been given out and it is very important that your child is working on them regularly. Just a few minutes every night is all it takes to make a big difference.



SPELLINGS

Children have been learning about the prefixes *il*, *im*, *in* and *ir*. They can use the strategies they have been learning at school to help them remember their spellings. These include the pyramid method, rainbow writing and mnemonics. Try looking for these suffixes when reading or try using the words we have learnt when speaking to your family at home!

MATHS

In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes and their properties. In particular, we have been finding out about quadrilaterals and triangles. Why don't you encourage your child to go on a shape hunt around your home or garden this weekend?

Think of the Month

This month's think is:

What colour would a zebra be if it lost all its stripes?

Why?



When thinking about your response,



*What do you think?

*Why do you think it?

*Can you give an example?

Tea Day

Well done to all of the year 4 children who worked so hard at Tea Day. Everybody pulled together to help raise money for school funds. Money was also collected in hoops for Children in Need. Thank you, to all those who attended, for your generous support.

Anti-bullying Week

We want to ensure that all children feel happy and safe at school, so this week we have taken part in Anti-bullying week. Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal'. We have linked this work to our recent e-safety studies where we have been raising awareness about on-line safety and cyberbullying. Please take a moment to talk to your child about these issues.