

Year 4 Newsletter

May 2018

Authors and publishers

This half term our client is Quentin Blake and we will be working to write and illustrate stories in the style of Roald Dahl. To help us get a taste for this we are currently reading the Roald Dahl story 'Matilda.' Picking out good phrases from Roald Dahl and identifying how interesting vocabulary helps the reader paint a picture in their mind has helped prepare us for our task. We have been developing our artistic skills by gathering ideas from Quentin Blake, who was Roald Dahl's favourite illustrator, so that we are able to produce amazing stories to read.

Think

Explain your reasoning on the Think board!



Our Think for the month...

Is a computer clever?

Democracy Day

We had a great time last week when we took part in democracy day. Year 3 and 4 got together to present their thoughts on two topics up for debate. Year 3 presented arguments about the Gruncher from the Minpins and whether he is a good or bad character. Year four, who have been finding out about Miss Trunchbull's appalling approach to discipline, presented their ideas about corporal punishment and whether it should be re-introduced in schools. All children were then given the opportunity to vote on what they thought in ballot boxes. We are eagerly awaiting the results...

Outdoor Learning

Wednesday 16th May is outdoor learning day so children may come to school in their own clothes ready to take part in team building activities around the story of Matilda.

Pen licences

This half term pupils will start to be issued with pen licences so that they can begin to use a handwriting pen for their work. Pen licences will only be issued when neat, joined handwriting has been achieved in all books using a pencil. Joined handwriting must be used consistently and the pen licence could be revoked if presentation slips.

Learning at Home

Summer 1 targets are in blue communication books so make sure you are practising the spellings and times table facts.

To support our current learning, you could visit the Roald Dahl museum in Buckinghamshire. Why not sit in the great author's chair and see the writing hut?

Homework reminder:

Our display boards still have space for more of your fantastic homework activities. Please bring in any models, research facts, character creations or diary entries you have been working on and we will add them to the range of work we have already have on display.

E-Safety

As a school, we are committed to ensuring our children are safe users of online materials. We are constantly reminding the children of e-safety procedures, including not to share personal information on line and to always be kind to others. Please continue to support us with this at home.

Dates for the diary



Outdoor learning day-Wednesday 16th May
Half term-Friday 25th May
Auditions for the Year 4 Summer production will be taking place soon...get practicing your drama skills!