

## Year 4 - Week Commencing 19-2-18

### Maths

This week the children will be developing their knowledge of mental multiplication and related division facts. We will be focussing on making resources which will help the children to quickly recall the 7 and 11 times tables. You can help your child be regularly asking them questions on these times tables at home.

### English

This week the children will be concluding our unit based on debates. We will begin by focussing on the controversial topic of animal hunting. The children will this week be writing their own debate text on an aspect of hunting and looking at both sides of the argument. We will be publishing these into our own book for you to read at the next parents evening.

### Theme

The children will be starting a new theme based on The Great Plague. This topic will be mainly be history based but will try to include all aspects of the curriculum. This is a favourite of mine as it involves lots of independent research using both primary and secondary resources. The children will also get the chance to create their own 'remedy' based on real ones used at the time. (Think 'Georges Marvellous Medicine'!)

### Extras

French will be on Tuesday, PE will be on Monday and Friday.

**My PPA will be on Wednesday afternoon this week. I will also be out of class on Tuesday but Mrs Tarn will be teaching the class as she is familiar with them and what needs to be taught. From next week, I will be out of class for 2 afternoons a week - one afternoon for my PPA and one afternoon for my SENCO release time.**

Weekly homework can be found at [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) Could you please log onto [www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button) as this is a great activity for your child to learn more about halving, doubling and number bonds as well as helping with their times tables.

### Phonics (or spelling in KS2) Focus:

We will be continuing our work on words including the common letter string 'atch' (*scratch, match, watch*). We will also be learning 3 words taken from the Year 4 statutory list which this week are: *extreme, interest, and peculiar*.