

# Year 4 - Week Commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Maths

This week, Year 4 will be continuing our focus on addition and subtraction - inverse operations.

- *Select a mental strategy appropriate for the numbers involved in the calculation.*
- Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.
- Solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

## English

This week, the children will be creating their own text map for how a fridge works, according to the little girl in 'Until I Met Dudley' by Roger McGough. In pairs, they will use laptops to display their sequence of actions and subordinating junctions using a variety of media on a word document. The children will then present their text map by orally retelling to the class.

After the presentations, we will identify the key stages within the structure of an explanation text, firstly in groups and then as a class in order to create a success criteria of features so they can create their own during the writing phase.

## Theme

This half term we will be finishing our theme, 'Sparks Might Fly'. In Science, the focus will be around electricity, understanding its purposes and constructing electrical circuits. In Design and Technology, we shall be writing up our marble run project and evaluating. In Music, we shall be following the Year 4 Charanga unit which centralises around the 'Mamma Mia' soundtrack. In PSHE, we shall be continuing our partner project with a local primary school called, 'All Together Now'. The children were enthralled with our Black History Month lessons, in particular, the influential story of Rosa Parks. This week we begin our Art project which focuses on portraits. We will sketch and recreate Rosa's most iconic pictures using a variety of media. In RE, we shall be continuing our study on Islam, specifically the Five Pillars. We will explore key concepts related to those, for example guidance, discipline, obedience, commitment and acceptance. We hope to arrange a visit to a local Mosque soon!

## Extras

- **Year 4 Staff** are: **Miss Lauren Johnston** (Teacher) and **Mrs Amanda Tarn** (HLTA).
- **French** will be on Tuesdays. **PE** will be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Long hair should be tied back and earrings/other jewellery should not be worn - **if earrings cannot be removed, please send plasters to school.**
- **Snack Time** - Just a reminder to send something for your child's snack each day if they are not purchasing anything from the hatch.
- **My PPA** time will be on **Tuesday afternoon** this week. Mrs Tarn will be teaching the class.
- Homework diaries will be updated on Fridays, by the children, with their spellings and times tables for the week.
- Each week there are opportunities for the children to further their learning (e.g. Active Learn & TT Rockstars etc.) - login details are stuck in on the inside of the children's homework diaries 😊.
- We will be encouraging the children to share their learning and progress with someone at home therefore we kindly ask that **a parent/guardian signs each week's homework diary entry with their initials** - this is something we will be checking with the children in our efforts to encourage them to continue to make super progress and develop their understanding of the curriculum at home and in the community. Spellings/Times Tables check scores will be written in on Fridays so everyone can keep track on how they are doing 😊.