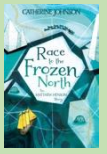


# Year Four Newsletter

## Autumn 1



### **Welcome back.**

We are very excited to welcome Year Four back to South Rise, after what has been, a very different summer. This year, our Year Four team will consist of Miss Walters, Miss Carr, Mr Sambrooks and Mr Dean. All teachers are all very excited about the year ahead, the topics which we will teach and getting to know our classes. All children have begun the academic year positively and we are sure they will continue to display all our learning dispositions and school values throughout the year.

### **English and Maths**

This half term we will be looking at 'Race To The Frozen North' in English. This book tells the story of Matthew Henson – the first American to reach the North Pole. However, because of his race many people didn't believe him! We'll be exploring the story from the point of view of the inuits through a diary and writing a non-fiction piece.

In maths, we are going to be looking at our knowledge of place value. We will be revising and extending our understanding of number through the mastery approach. We'll also begin revising our times tables again. It would be great if you could test your child on these at home!

### **Foundation**

We are going to be exploring lots of new topics in foundation including looking at the geographical location of the Arctic and Antarctica before making comparisons between the two in geography. We are going to be learning more about electricity through creating our own circuits and running a scientific experiment during science. In RE, we are going to be looking at Hinduism, where it originated from and how it compares to our own beliefs and festivals. Lastly, in art, we are going to be using clay to produce roman relief tiles. We are going to be working on our sculpture techniques including blending, shaping and working to scale.

### **Whole school project**

In the first two weeks, all classes are going to be looking at the story 'After The Fall' in which we find out how Humpty Dumpty felt after his fall and how, through demonstrating resilience, he overcame his fear. As part of this, we will be demonstrating the same disposition as we learn to draw realistic feathers, write a letter of advice and explore the story further through music.

### **PE**

All Year Four children have PE on a **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child has a separate blue or black T-shirt from that of their school uniform, a pair of black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and sensible trainers.

### **Home Learning Journals**

Your child will have received a new home learning journal to last them the year. They will have spellings in them weekly which they need to practise. The journals also give you the opportunity to communicate with your child's teacher in the comments section.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Miss Walters. Miss Carr. Mr Sambrooks. Mr Dean.**