

Dear Parents,

We hope that you had a lovely break and are ready for another fun filled half term in Year 4! This week in Literacy we explored the features of poetry and we created our own animal poems using poetic devices such as similes, metaphors and alliteration. In Maths the children revised strategies for halving amounts and we started our column subtraction topic. We began our 'Rainforests' integrated topic by discussing features of rainforest and exploring the work of the artist Henri Rousseau. In ICT we are learning how to code using the Scratch programme.

Our Year 4 library sessions are on a MONDAY where the children will get the opportunity to choose books for their home reading. Please ensure that your child has their library books in school on these days. We would also like the children to fill in the reading record which is in their homework books. These will be checked once a week.

The trip to the Royal Opera House is fast approaching (Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019). If you haven't already paid online and given permission, please do so as soon as possible as we will not be able to take any children without written permission.

Please send your children into school with appropriate clothes for the cold weather. They will continue to do outdoor P.E throughout the winter and they will need to have a pair of tracksuit bottoms or leggings for these lessons. Please can we have some boxes of tissues for our classrooms as there are many runny noses at the moment! Thank you to those parents who have already donated.

We wish you a good weekend.  
The Year 4 Team.

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

Spooks and Sparkles Disco - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4 cake sale  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Trip to the Royal Opera House

#### **Literacy Task**

Choose one of the poems below or find one of your own (of a suitable length) to learn off by heart. Add expression, pace and action to your poetry performance. The children will be performing these poems in class.

#### **Maths Task**

Please complete the maths challenge.

#### **Times table task**

Each week we will be focusing on a times table of the week for you to learn. As well as the weekly spelling test, you will also have a times table one featuring the times table of the week. This week please learn your **4 times** tables.

**Reading** - Please read for 30 minutes each day - Fill in your log whenever you complete a book. Don't forget to give it a rating. When you reach the milestones that are printed on the log you will receive a prize in assembly. Please remember to use Bug club regularly to help improve your reading. All students are expected to read 10 Bug club books per term.

### Spelling rules

List 2 - Sometimes the 'y' is changed to 'i' before -ed, -er and -est are added.

List 3 - The prefix - auto is added to the beginning of a word to mean 'self' or 'own'.

### Spellings

List 1	List 2	List 3	List 4
fry	copied	autograph	definitely
try	happier	autobiography	extremely
cry	happiest	automatic	extraordinary
dry	cried	automobile	humongous
pry	replied	autopilot	adventurous

The children must learn at least 10 spellings per week. This can be either list 1 and 2, lists 2 and 3 or lists 3 and 4. If your child is struggling to learn all of these words, they may focus on list 1 only.

## Cats Sleep Anywhere

Cats sleep anywhere, any table, any chair.

Top of piano, window-ledge, in the middle, on the edge.

Open drawer, empty shoe, anybody's lap will do.

Fitted in a cardboard box, in the cupboard with your frocks.

Anywhere! They don't care! Cats sleep anywhere.

## Being Brave at Night

The other night 'bout two o'clock, or maybe it was three,

An elephant with shining tusks came chasing after me.

His trunk was wavin' in the air an' spoutin' jets of steam

An' he was out to eat me up, but still I didn't scream

Or let him see that I was scared - a better thought I had,

I just escaped from where I was and crawled in bed with dad.

## Snowball

I made myself a snowball  
As perfect as could be.  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet  
And let it sleep with me.  
I made it some pyjamas  
And a pillow for its head.  
Then last night it ran away,  
But first it wet the bed.

## The Moon

The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;  
She shines on thieves on the garden wall,  
On streets and fields and harbour quays,  
And birdies asleep in the forks of the trees.

The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,  
The howling dog by the door of the house,  
The bat that lies in bed at noon,  
All love to be out by the light of the moon.

But all of the things that belong to the day  
Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way;  
And flowers and children close their eyes  
Till up in the morning the sun shall arise.

## Numeracy Task

### Three monkeys



Three monkeys ate a total of 25 nuts.

Each of them ate a different odd number of nuts.

How many nuts did each of the monkeys eat?

Find as many different ways to do it as you can.

*Extension:*

*What if the 4 monkeys ate a total of 30 nuts?*

*Each of them ate a different odd number of nuts.*

*How many different nuts did each monkey eat?*

*Find as many different ways to do it as you can?*

