

Dear Parents

I hope that you all had a fantastic and relaxing Christmas break! I have had a great first week with Year 4; it is clear that lots of the children have set out to make a really good first impression on me as their new teacher.

This booklet outlines the key areas of curriculum coverage for this term and may help you to support your child at home – or at least give you a way to start a meaningful conversation about what they have been doing in the classroom!

Our topic for this term is 'Inventors and inventions'. The topic will be a History/Science based topic but it will also link to many other subjects including: DT, ICT, English and Art (we will look to exploit any relevant links.) We are lucky to have been able to obtain some amazing 'real-life' artefacts which are on display in the classroom for the children to explore.

I have had numerous handover meetings with Mr Thomas before he left at Christmas and I feel confident that I am fully aware of the class' academic and pastoral needs. If, however, you have any questions or concerns, or you just want to introduce yourself, then please don't hesitate to speak to me at the end of the day.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course and wish you all a happy and successful 2019.

Yours sincerely

Mr Baird

<i>Inventors and Inventions</i>	
Core subjects	Topics to be covered:
<i>Maths</i>	Number – fractions and decimals Calculation – multiplication and division Measurement – Calculating fractions of measures, e.g. $\frac{3}{10}$ of a metre, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Km Data/Statistics – Understanding different types of graph
<i>English</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrative – Writing a story about a crazy invention• Journalistic – Newspaper reports based on inventions/discoveries• Biographies of famous inventors
<i>ICT</i>	Coding – designing simple games using 'Scratch' Multimedia
<i>Science</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electricity – Types of circuit, circuit diagrams, electrical safety• Sound – What is sound? How sound travels• Scientific Enquiry
<i>PSHE</i>	It's Not Fair! People Around Us
<i>RE</i>	Hinduism in Britain Why 'Good' Friday? - Easter

Foundation subjects	<i>Inventors and Inventions</i>
<i>History</i>	Famous inventors and their inventions – how did these inventions change the World?
<i>Geography</i>	World Map – where did famous inventors come from?
<i>Music</i>	From the ‘Charanga’ scheme
<i>Design & Technology</i>	Designing and building an ‘invention’ containing an electrical circuit
<i>Physical Education</i>	Invasion Games Gymnastics Dance
<i>Art</i>	Art work will be based around our class novel – ‘Clockwork’ by Phillip Pullman
<i>French</i>	Mrs Nesbit will continue to teach the children French – focusing on key conversational phrases and vocab.

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PE/Games Kit

PE is on a **Wednesday** and your child needs a white T-shirt, dark shorts and black daps for indoor activities and trainers and joggers for outdoors when it's cold.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday. Tasks will usually be completed in homework books and must be handed in by the following Tuesday. Any English homework is supplemental to the weekly **spellings** (set on a Friday, tested the following Friday) and the daily **home reading** which should be a part of your child's routine. **Additional homework tasks** may be set from time to time, usually linked to our topic.

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