

# Year 4 Dolphins Class

Dates for the diary

w/b 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Multicultural Week

30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Forces Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Engineering Week

Spring Terms Newsletter January 2020

## WELCOME BACK EAGLES – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A warm welcome back after the Christmas break. Mrs Hooper and I are looking forward to 2020 and the amazing learning and experiences we will have.

As ever, should you have any questions do please ask. Contact either of us via Clasdojo, drop in before school or arrange an appointment for after school if you need a bit longer.

### Topic – BLUE ABYSS

Our topic for terms 3 and 4 is “Blue Abyss”. We will be finding out all about life in the Abyss (and where this is in the world’s oceans!). We will use the underwater world as a stimulus for our writing, where we will look at poetry, creative writing, persuasive posters, and story dilemmas. Geography leads us to focus on the Great Barrier Reef and its ecosystem. We will look at the surrounding area and see how the reef has affected population location and growth in the region. We will also look at creating our own ‘aquarium’ with bioluminescence and 3D models, using this as a backdrop for our

sharing afternoon (more information on this will follow from Mr Mallinson via Clasdojo).

### Maths

We hit the topics of fractions and decimals these two terms (as well as a bit of time thrown in!).

### Science

We will be learning about the ecosystem of the ocean, the creatures that live there and some of their ‘anatomical anomalies’ that enable them to live at such an extreme depth.

### RE

In R.E the children will be answering big questions around “The Gospel” and “What does Salvation mean to Christians?”

### How you can help at home

-Practise times tables with your children where you can. *The children will undertake the national times table test at the end of this academic year.* They will be tested every week. Go to [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk), as this has a practice test the children can complete – they will be doing this weekly in class.

- Please do read regularly with your child. We cannot stress how much of a positive impact this has on your child’s reading ability. They did well last year so let’s keep this up!

- Please ensure the children’s PE kits are in school every day (and labelled). This should include a tracksuit, where possible, and suitable outdoor and indoor footwear.

### Home Learning

Home learning is set to either consolidate or extend your child’s learning from school so it is important they take responsibility for completing it and handing it in on time. Do come and see us/contact us if you do not understand any part of the homework (or would like more!). Both English and Maths homework will be handed out on a Friday and is due in on a Wednesday (at the latest). Homework can be accessed on Clasdojo.

Mr Mallinson and Mrs Hooper

