**Year 4 Newsletter**

September 2018



Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you all had a lovely, relaxing summer holiday!

Let me use this as an opportunity to introduce myself and say how excited I am to be joining the team at Dane Bank. I am really looking forward to getting to know both you and your children, and can’t wait to get started on the new school year!

This term our geography work will all be based around a question –

**Where on Earth are we?**

We will be looking at the world around us and creating our very own globes.

In science we will be investigating electricity and our text for this term is Iron Man by Ted Hughes.



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Homework will be sent home on Fridays (starting 14.09.18) and must be returned to school on Wednesday. Homework is vitally important and will often be revision of work done in class. Children who return homework on time will be rewarded with an extra break time in the week. Any children not returning homework will be asked to complete their work during this time.

I am **always** happy to help the children with their homework if they need any additional support. Please encourage them to ask if they need it!

A new and exciting opportunity for the children this year is that they will be learning to play an instrument!

The children will be learning to play the ukulele as part of their music curriculum and this tuition is being provided by One Education on behalf of the school.



Look out for the “Topic Challenge” for this half term coming home soon – this is an additional, optional homework project that the children may wish to research, investigate for themselves linking to their geography work. It will be something open ended and the children can choose how to present their findings – they might make a poster, book, sculpture, factsheet… it’s up to them! Children who participate in this challenge will present their ideas in assembly at the end of the half term! More details to follow soon!

PE kits are needed every week – the main PE lesson with Mr Scholar is on Monday. Ideally PE kits will be brought in on Monday and left at school – this avoids children forgetting and not having their kits on the correct day. Appropriate PE kit consists of black shorts or jogging bottoms, a red t-shirt and trainers/pumps.

In addition to PE, the children will also be attending swimming lessons every Thursday morning. There will a letter to follow giving all the relevant information

Please remember that I am always available to speak to you if you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Headland



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