

Sycamore Class - Autumn Term.

Dear Parents / Guardian,

A warm welcome to Year 4! We hope you had an wonderful Summer and made the most of the sunny days we had! We are writing to give you some additional information to the newsletter you will receive from your child, regarding the topics we will be covering between now and Christmas.

Mrs Manktelow will be teaching Monday to Wednesday and Miss Carter will be teaching Thursdays and Fridays. We are working very closely together so there is a smooth transition and continuity between the days for your children. Mrs Moulin will be working in class on Mondays and Tuesdays and then Mrs Bowers will be with us Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

English.

This year we will be exploring different texts which we are very excited about. For some texts we will follow a Pie Corbett style of teaching where the children will become very familiar with the text and practice saying aloud, acting it out etc, we will then take the text apart and look at the structure of it and how it has been formed. We will then apply this to our own writing. Other books we will use this year will be chapter books and there will be an expectation to read certain sections at home to aid our learning in class.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) will be taught through our focus on poetry and fiction this term. Using a range of poetry and a text entitled 'Westlandia', pupils will be learning to explore and breakdown sentences and phrases to explore their grammatical composition. We shall be writing reports and thinking about character descriptions.

Maths.

In Maths we will be looking at place value and making sure we understand what each digit represents. We will also be exploring Roman numerals and negative numbers. In addition we shall then move onto looking at different addition and subtraction strategies as well as focusing on different times tables. The importance of knowing the different times tables is crucial for lots of our learning in Year 4. Please can we ask that you practice these with your children as often as you are able as it will really help support your child's learning.

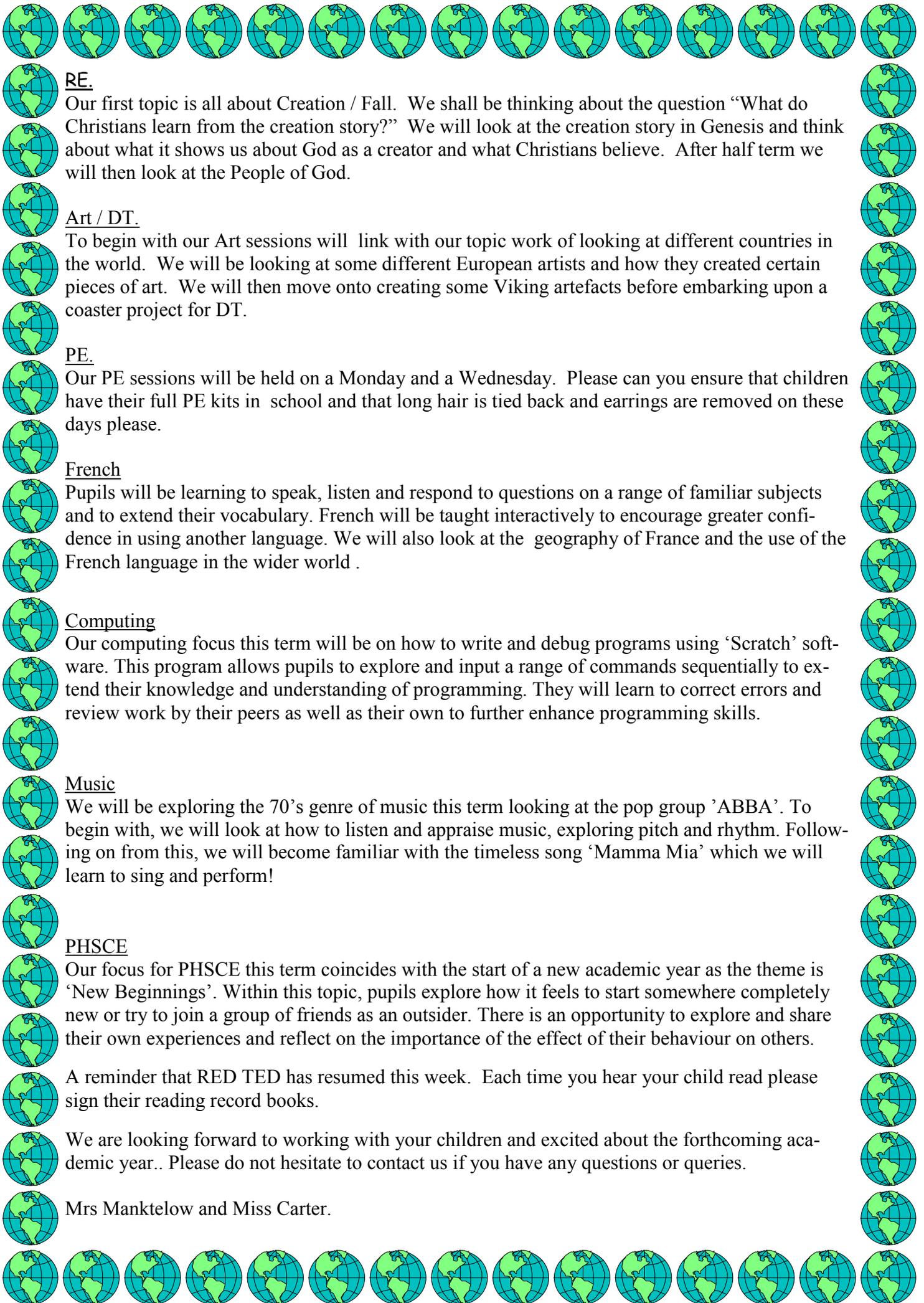
Topic.

In the first term we shall be exploring Europe. We will be discussing the different places we have been on holiday and locating these on a map to develop our map skills. We will be identifying different capital cities and then learn about some different countries in depth.

After half term we will be moving on to learn about the Vikings. We will discover who the Vikings were, where they came from as well as learning about significant Viking raids and life in a Viking settlement amongst other things.

Science

Pupils will be carrying out a variety of investigations to find out what is sound and how sound travels. They will learn to look at the evidence from their enquiries to support their scientific ideas and summarise from a range of findings. An opportunity to carry out experiments systematically will support development of knowledge and understanding of processes.



RE.

Our first topic is all about Creation / Fall. We shall be thinking about the question “What do Christians learn from the creation story?” We will look at the creation story in Genesis and think about what it shows us about God as a creator and what Christians believe. After half term we will then look at the People of God.

Art / DT.

To begin with our Art sessions will link with our topic work of looking at different countries in the world. We will be looking at some different European artists and how they created certain pieces of art. We will then move onto creating some Viking artefacts before embarking upon a coaster project for DT.

PE.

Our PE sessions will be held on a Monday and a Wednesday. Please can you ensure that children have their full PE kits in school and that long hair is tied back and earrings are removed on these days please.

French

Pupils will be learning to speak, listen and respond to questions on a range of familiar subjects and to extend their vocabulary. French will be taught interactively to encourage greater confidence in using another language. We will also look at the geography of France and the use of the French language in the wider world .

Computing

Our computing focus this term will be on how to write and debug programs using ‘Scratch’ software. This program allows pupils to explore and input a range of commands sequentially to extend their knowledge and understanding of programming. They will learn to correct errors and review work by their peers as well as their own to further enhance programming skills.

Music

We will be exploring the 70’s genre of music this term looking at the pop group ‘ABBA’. To begin with, we will look at how to listen and appraise music, exploring pitch and rhythm. Following on from this, we will become familiar with the timeless song ‘Mamma Mia’ which we will learn to sing and perform!

PHSCE

Our focus for PHSCE this term coincides with the start of a new academic year as the theme is ‘New Beginnings’. Within this topic, pupils explore how it feels to start somewhere completely new or try to join a group of friends as an outsider. There is an opportunity to explore and share their own experiences and reflect on the importance of the effect of their behaviour on others.

A reminder that RED TED has resumed this week. Each time you hear your child read please sign their reading record books.

We are looking forward to working with your children and excited about the forthcoming academic year.. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Manktelow and Miss Carter.