



## Year 4 Homework Letter - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Our Learning This Week

#### English

We have started to explore our new text for this half term, 'Varmints' by Helen Ward. The children have used the medium of drama to consider key moments from the story and contemplate the significance of them in relation to its narrative structure. The children spent time plotting a story map of their chosen key moments and then developing this into a cartoon strip considering what the character might be saying or thinking in their chosen moments.

#### Maths

This week in Maths, the children have started our new topic on 'Place Value'. We have been learning how to represent numbers to 1,000 including those that have no tens or no ones, to reinforce the idea of using zero as a placeholder. We have been partitioning numbers up to 1,000 writing the numbers in expanded form identifying the number of hundreds, tens and ones in a 3-digit number. The children have revisited using a number line to 1,000, labelling, identify and finding missing values on blank or partially completed ones.

#### Homework

The English activities are to learn Autumn 1 Week 1 spellings and to read each evening for 15-20 minutes. This should be recorded in their reading record (please ensure these are in book bags every day for reading in class). Please sign their reading record when they read with you but in Years 4 we encourage children to write neatly in their own logs. For Maths, the children must practise all of their times tables on Purple Mash. Their login details for Purple Mash have been stuck into their reading logs.

### High Ashurst - 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

We are all looking forward to our forthcoming trip to High Ashurst. Gates will be open at 8.00am, the coach will arrive at 8:15am and will be departing as soon as possible. The coach will be picking us up from High Ashurst at 4:30pm, we anticipate being back by approximately 5:15pm. The children should wear (named) jogging bottoms/leggings, t-shirt, sweatshirt/hoodie and trainer/walking shoes and a waterproof jacket. On each day, please send your child in with a (nut-free) packed lunch, water bottle and a spare set of clothes and trainers. These days will be long for the children, but very exciting!

#### Expressive Arts

The children have started to learn about our focused artists for this term, Pablo Picasso. The children have been given a brief introduction to his style of art and created their own portraits in their sketchbooks using abstract shapes and vibrant colours.

#### P.E

Thank you for sending the children in wearing their P.E kits each Thursday. We have started our new sport for this half term; tag rugby.

### Dates for your Diary

**25/26/27.09.24** - High Ashurst 8am - 5:15pm

**17.10.24** - Harvest Service at Christ Church 9:30am

**21.10.24** - Nasal Flu Vaccination

**25.10.24** - INSET Day

**11 - 15.11.24** - Anti Bullying Week (wear odd socks all week!)

**18.11.24** - School Photographer - Individual

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Rutter, Miss Oastler and Miss Lyndsey