

**Monkton CEP School**

**Class 4 Newsletter**

*'Every child is special'*



**Welcome to Term 1.**

Welcome to Term 1. We hope you had a wonderful summer break! Welcome to our first term of the academic year and a particular welcome to our new year 5's, who are already settling in to the demands that being in Upper Key Stage 2 brings.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2:45pm:** Parent information session. This is to explain expectations of the year.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Roald Dahl Day. If children have a favourite Roald Dahl book at home, please bring this in.

**October:** We are lucky enough to be one of Waitrose's 'Charities of the month'. This is where shoppers receive a token at the end of their shop to place in a box of a good cause. The more tokens we get, the bigger the donation we receive. Each month every Waitrose branch donates £1,000 between 3 local good causes. So if you are in Waitrose in Ramsgate, your tokens in the Monkton box would be most appreciated!

## Curriculum focus

### English

*Goodnight Mr Tom*  
*Rose Blanche*

Newspaper reports, letters, diaries,  
recounts

Weekly: Grammar, punctuation, spelling  
and comprehension

### Numeracy

Place value  
Four operations  
Times tables

Mental calculations  
&  
number challenges every term

### RE

Christianity - What does it mean if *God* is  
loving and holy?

### ICT

In this unit, the children will be using  
their design and computing skills to  
create their own apps.

### Music

Using percussion instruments to create  
rock music.

### PE

Multiskills

### Science

The human circulatory system

### History

World War 2

### Geography

Eastern Europe study

### Art and Design

European Artists

## Homework

Homework is given out on a Monday and is to be returned the following Monday. Times tables and spellings will be tested on a Monday. I recommend children to revise their spellings and times tables every day. In my experience, short bursts of practise on a daily basis are more effective than spending hours once a week.

If homework is not completed before Monday, children will stay in at lunchtime to complete it. A record is kept of children who consistently forget their homework. There is now the facility for, "homework help" every lunchtime should children want to attend. Homework is marked with the children so that any common misconceptions can be addressed.

Please ensure you read with your child daily and sign their reading record.