



## Welcome Back!

I hope you had a lovely half term break. Earthworms have already been very busy this week starting our new topic and working hard.

Our topic this half term is 'How can we protect our planet?' and we will be basing our learning around this exciting topic.

## What we are learning....

### Science

This half term we will be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will be learning about Life Processes and how to group and classify living things. We will be investigating our local habitats and learning about how habitats change and adapt as well as thinking about the environmental impact that humans have on different habitats. Our key scientist this half term is Rachel Carson. We will be doing lots of different investigations during Science week as well, focussing on gathering data and representing it in different ways.

### Maths

This half term we will be learning about 'Fractions' and 'Decimals'. We will be learning to count fractions, add and subtract fractions as well as working out equivalent fractions and comparing different fractions. In our decimals work, we will be learning about tenths and hundredths as well as dividing one and two digit numbers by 10 and 100.

TT Rockstars will still be a key part of our learning as it will help us with our fractions and decimals learning. It is really important that we know all our times tables to 12 by heart and can find the answers quickly, this will make the rest of our maths learning easier.

Remember that there is a class certificate each week for the class who has been working the hardest as well as individual certificates for 'Rockstar of the Week'. It would be fabulous if we could win the class certificate again!



We also have our class display, remember that you earn 5 team points if you move up a level!

## English

We are enjoying our new class novel 'The Castle of Inside Out' by David Henry Wilson, it is making us laugh! Our next novel is 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Rauf. We will also be reading a variety of poetry, fiction and non-fiction writing to develop our understanding and ability to discuss books. We have been exploring discussion writing as a genre this week and will write our own balanced argument pieces based around our Science topic. Later on, we will develop our creative writing using 'Island' as inspiration. Each week we will visit the school library on a Friday and choose a book to take home to read.

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - World Book Week  
W/C 14<sup>th</sup> March - British Science Week  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Cricket session with Yorkshire Cricket Board  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April - World Physical Activity Day

## Messages

- Our P.E. sessions are on Tuesday, please come to school wearing your outdoor P.E. kit. Earrings need to be removed.
- Please make sure your child is practising their spellings at home, these can be found on the website and we will have a test on them during the last week of half term.
- Please ensure your child is practising their times tables at home, this is a large focus of the maths work that we do in Year 4 and will help your child in all areas of maths work both this year and in subsequent years. Our 'Rockstar of the Week' will be celebrated in assembly.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school, it is important to stay hydrated as it helps us learn as well as keeping us healthy.