



Class 4 News

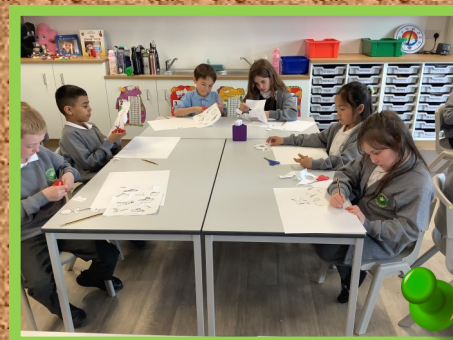
Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably, we have reached the last half term of the year again! The children have grown up so much and they are getting ready to move into Key Stage 2. They have all made so much progress this year and I am so proud of the way that they have settled into our new school. Last half term, we really enjoyed our topic all about what it is like living in Kenya and this half term I know the children will enjoy answering the question 'What is it like where we go to school?' We will be looking at the physical and human geographical features around our school and we will be doing mapping skills and field work around our school grounds. We will be linking our work in English with this and we will be writing information reports about our school and where we live in Newcastle. We will be linking our prior learning from our previous topics such as about how Newcastle got its name and also our topic on coal mining where we learned about what used to be here before the Havannah nature reserve. We hope that the children will talk about this at home too.

How are your sunflowers getting on? I've seen a super picture of one sunflower that is really tall and impressive! Please send any pictures in via Seesaw or printed out. We would love to see them! Thank you for your wonderful 'Extreme Reading' photos. There were some brilliant places to read!



Our PE days will stay the same as last half term, so they are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. In addition to our PE times, the children are loving playing in our MUGA at playtimes and they are relishing using different play equipment everyday to practise the skills they have been learning in PE.



Homework

Thank you for all of your help with homework this year. We really appreciate the time you spend helping your children with their learning at home. We have been really impressed with the children's word reading this year. They are using their phonic skills extremely well. Even though children might be word reading confidently, we often find that their comprehension skills still need support. Please try and question your children about their reading at home and check to ensure that they understand the meaning of trickier words. This will really help them when they go up into KS2 where they will be reading more challenging texts in terms of content and vocabulary.

Many thanks for all of your support this year; it is greatly appreciated. Your children have been amazing and we have loved how enthusiastic and interested they have been about all of their learning.

Best wishes Mrs Ward, Miss Day and Mrs Mingoia