

We have had an exciting week in Year 4 continuing our learning on states of matter. We have learnt to use the vocabulary of particles, solid, liquid, gas and how the particles are arranged and move in each state. We carried out an experiment using fizzy drinks to see if gas weighed anything. Quite a few of us thought that gas didn't weigh anything and were surprised to see that the carbon dioxide in our fizzy drinks actually did have some weight. We also looked at cross stitch and we will be creating our own bookmarks using binca and thread. So far we have designed what we would like our bookmark to look like and begun to think about using the crosses of cross stitch to make our ideas come to life.

English and Maths homework has been set for your child on IXL, our interactive learning platform that can be accessed via a computer, tablet or smartphone. You can access it either through navigating to this address <u>https://uk.ixl.com/signin</u> or by downloading the app in the appropriate app store. We will be able to monitor progress, view work and see how long children have been using IXL. This will then allow us to provide personalised learning for your child and clearly identify the next steps needed in their progress. The expectation is that children should spend **20 minutes** each week on the assigned English and Maths activities.

<u>Maths (Due Wednesday)</u> This week we have looked at completing our work on rounding and moved to looking at ordering and comparing numbers up to 10,000. This week the children's IXL Maths	Literacy (Due Wednesday) In Literacy we have been working on using questions, commands and statements as well as understanding how to use adjectives correctly. We have built up to writing a story about a man shipwrecked on a desert island.	RE - Thought for the Week How can you show kindness to those you meet this week?
link is on rounding numbers. IXL Maths link - Level E activity P.1.	This week the children's IXL English homework is on sentence types. IXL English link - Level E activity F.3.	Topic homework Don't forget that you have until half term to complete 35 points.

Spellings (Test on Friday)

This year the children will continue to learn spelling rules in class as well as the statutory KS2 National Curriculum words. Each Friday the children will have a 10 word spelling test with 5 words from the statutory list and 5 words based on a rule learnt in class.

This week the rule is for words adding the prefix 'in', meaning 'not' or 'into'.

For example, inactive, incorrect, inaccurate, insecure, indefinite, incomplete, infinite, inedible, inability, indecisive.

Other News and Reminders...

Please do remember to read as much as possible at home – it really does help. Your child has a sticker on their Reading Record to remind them of the day of the week they need to change their book, your support with this is really appreciated. This week your child will have been asked if they would like to consider being our class School Council representative. This is an important role in our school and we welcome applications from everybody. The class then votes on who they feel should represent them for the year. Children are encouraged to write a short piece about why they would be a good nomination.

Keep smiling Year 4, we are doing really well.