**Year 4 Spring Term Letter**

Hello and welcome back. I hope you have all had a great Christmas and are ready for the start of an exciting year and new term. Over the coming term we will be focusing most of our work around our topic **Rivers and Coasts.**

**Literacy**

Spring 1 **‘Queen of the Falls’ by Chris Van Allsburg**. The main text types we will look at are information leaflets and formal letters.

Spring 2 **Non-fiction texts** based on our topic Rivers and Coasts. The text type we will be looking at is explanation texts.

**Numeracy**

**Multiplication and Division** – 11 and 12 times tables, multiplying 3 numbers, factor pairs, written methods of multiplication and division.

**Area** – what area is, how to calculate area and comparing areas.

**Fractions** - recognising common equivalent fractions, counting up and down in tenths and hundredths, fractions greater than 1, adding and subtracting fractions with same denominator, fractions of amounts and recognising tenths and hundredths as decimals.

**Science -** States of matter and sound.

**Topic (Geography) - Rivers and Coasts** – countries in Europe, human and physical characteristics of the countries, rivers and coasts in the UK, features of rivers and coastlines, local study of the River Tees, comparing different rivers and different coastlines.

**Art/DT -** Collages.

**PE –** Dance and Commando Joe’s. All children should come to school in their PE kit for lessons on Monday and Friday.

**RE -** What kind of world did Jesus want? Why do Christians call the day Jesus died ‘Good Friday’?

**Music -** Body percussion.

**PSHE –** Keeping Myself Safe & Rights and Responsibilities.

**French –** Mon anniversaire.

**ICT -** Internet safety and animation.

**Homework –** Every night your child should practise their times tables and spellings at home. They should also read to an adult every night and this should be recorded in their reading record book. This should also be brought to school every day.

I am looking forward to the term ahead. Please feel free to come and ask me any questions or discuss any concerns you may have.

Mr. Hewitson