



# Year 4/5 Newsletter Autumn 2011



## Inventions!

Happy new school year to everyone!

In year 4/5 this half term our topic is 'Inventions that changed the world- How things work'.

In this unit we will cover History, Technology, Science and Art.

In History we'll be finding out about the main inventions of the past, particularly the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

In Science we'll be carrying out simple investigations, learning why animals are suited to their different environments, comparing materials and their properties and know that light travels from a source.

In Technology we'll be planning, making and improving a design. We will learn to use simple tools and equipment.

In Art we are going to learn about some artists and be able to talk about their work, giving reasons for our opinions. We will be doing some art work, choosing materials and techniques and then explain what we have done and why.

This term the Year 4s will be going swimming from Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> September until Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> October. We are also going to be learning brass instruments which we are looking forward to showing you later this term.

P.E. Wednesday afternoon. We will be outdoors as much as possible this half term which means children need a sweat shirt on cooler days and their P.E. kit (shorts and a T shirt).

Please remember the school now has its own web site and can be found at this address – [www.chilternprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.chilternprimaryschool.org.uk).

READING – We want your children to make super progress in reading this year but they must read to someone everyday, it is very important that they have this special quiet time with an adult to practise what they have learnt in school.

PS It would be really helpful if you supported your children in learning their times tables, this half term we are learning the seven times table.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mr Mayall