



# Summer Term

## Year 4 Newsletter: Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents,

We would like to begin by saying how impressed we have been with the way the children have settled back into school life and how hard they have been working so far. We are proud of them and hope they feel proud of themselves, too. The following information will provide you with an overview of the topics we will be covering in class this term.

### English

We are currently working on the popular and timeless story of 'Charlotte's Web' and the children are really enjoying it so far. We are focusing on refining their writing through the explicit teaching of the spelling, punctuation and grammar objectives for Year 4 as well as practising writing in different styles and genres, including describing settings, writing dialogue and story writing. The children are learning to edit their work independently and to really think about their handwriting and overall presentation, as well as the content.

Later this term, we will explore some multi-cultural texts which cover various themes and are set in different countries, making links with our work in Geography.

### Maths

These are the topic areas we will be covering in class:

- Refining methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Problem solving using all four operations
- Money (ordering money, estimating money, converting pounds and pence, giving change)
- Decimals (comparing, ordering and rounding decimals)
- Properties of shape (types of angle, comparing and ordering angles, symmetry, recognising and describing shapes)
- Fractions (equivalent fractions, adding/subtracting fractions, calculating fractions of a quantity, ordering/comparing fractions)
- Time (telling the time to five minutes and to one minute, analogue to digital and vice versa, problems with days, weeks, months, years)

## **Science**

This term in Science, we will be studying the topics 'Living things and habitats' and 'Animals including humans'.

## **Geography**

Our Geography topic is called 'Around the World'. The children will learn to use atlases and maps to identify and locate climate zones, geographical features such as rivers, deserts and mountains. We will locate countries and continents, including studying the Arctic, Antarctic and the Tropics.

After half-term, we will compare Bromley with a contrasting UK locality.

## **Music**

The children will be exploring styles of music from around the world, composition and music appreciation, learning to read some musical notes and playing rhythms with hands, cups and various musical instruments.

## **French**

In French the children will: recap numbers 1-30 and learn the numbers up to 60, revise days of the week and months of the year, learn to tell the time, learn how to express our likes and dislikes regarding leisure activities, describe the weather and learn some of the vocabulary required for shopping for food.

## **PE**

**PE will take place on Monday and Thursday for 4MC and Tuesday and Thursday for 4W.**

Please ensure your child's hair is tied back and their earrings are covered or removed.

We will be developing our skills and techniques in rounders, athletics and cricket.

## **RE**

Judaism: Rites of Passage.

Christianity: Prayer and Worship

## **PSHE**

Relationships and Health Education

## **Times Tables**

This term, the children will be completing a Government Multiplication check. We would really appreciate your help and support with helping your child to learn their tables off by heart. The National Curriculum specifies that pupils should be able to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12 x 12 by the end of Year Four. It is essential for future success in mathematics.

## **Reading**

We expect all children to be reading at home every day as part of their routine and appreciate your support with this. Free readers are responsible for changing their reading book regularly in school and we expect the children to keep their own reading records up to date. Children on the reading scheme will have their books changed at least weekly and more often if necessary. Please write a comment in your child's reading record/initial it to confirm that they have read their scheme book(s) at home. Any comments you make about your child's reading, including if they are a free reader, are very useful to us- thank you! 😊

## **Weekly Spellings**

Spellings will continue to be uploaded to our Google Classroom on a Friday and tested the following week. They are based on the spelling patterns and rules that we will be learning about in English that week. Improved spelling only comes with careful study of the rules and patterns rather than just memorising the words for the weekly test. Please encourage and support your child with learning their spellings each week.

## **Homework Projects**

Look out for some exciting research projects for homework this term! We will explain these to you in class and full details will be available on Google Classroom.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Meloy, Ms Collins and Mrs Williams