



Dear Year 4 Parents/ Carers,

Hello and welcome to Year 4.

Thank you for making the start of term so smooth. We have been very impressed by the children arriving promptly, with all of the new guidelines adhered to. It has made the transition back into school routines much easier. The children have settled very well and have been working hard: your support of them really shines through.

Our topic for this term is **Greek Symmetry** and we will be learning about the history of Ancient Greece and its links with the modern world. Wherever possible, our topic will be covered through cross curricular teaching and learning so that we can make meaningful links across the spectrum of subjects.

In English, we will be enjoying a range of Greek Myths, which will support both creative and non-fiction writing. We are going to take a look at narratives, instructions, explanations and poetry. Drama, role-play and debate will be used to explore ideas and to support our writing. Grammar objectives will be embedded within English lessons whilst spelling strategies and handwriting will be taught in separate lessons each week.

In Maths, there will be a strong focus on learning the multiplication tables for instant recall. We will practice daily, using a range of strategies. We will also encourage the children to spend about 10 minutes each day practicing these facts at home too. We will also cover place value, addition and subtraction, fractions and decimals, multiplication and division and shape and geometry.

Our science topics are sound and electricity. Sound will cover volume, vibrations and pitch. Electricity will see us exploring circuits. We are involved in a Camden wide STEAM project (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) and this will enrich our science learning.

In Art and DT, we will be looking at the significance of Greek architecture and Greek vases.

In PSHE, we will explore issues around well being, hygiene, mental health, budgeting, medication/drugs and stereotyping. We will take a closer look at our Hawley values and further embed them into our daily routines at school.

Y4 have singing lessons with Olga on a Wednesday morning.

PE will be on a Thursday and a Friday. Children will not be changing into PE kits at school, so please send them in wearing suitable clothing and trainers, long hair should be tied back from the face. We will continue to complete a daily mile, so every day the children need to wear shoes (trainers) that make it easy for them to run in. It is also essential that the children bring a water bottle into school every day.

Your child will receive homework every Thursday. Homework is due back on the following Thursday. The children should be increasingly independent in making sure their homework is completed and handed in on the correct day. We will use a mixture of online (Google drive based, Mymaths, TimesTablesRockstars) and traditional formats for homework.

As part of our spelling curriculum, the children will also focus on developing spelling lists built around letter patterns, also at times topic related words as well as the compulsory age appropriate lists. Accuracy and speed are in both writing and mental calculations become increasingly important as the children mature, and to achieve this they will benefit from practice at every opportunity.

Guided Reading will continue in class. Y4 are very lucky to have a wonderful selection of books to read in class as part of a Camden library project.

Visits and workshops this term:

National Portrait Gallery (Digital Session)

Houses of Parliament (Digital Session)

Science Museum (To be confirmed - visit to the museum)

With thanks for your support,

Warmest,

Lucy, Rada, Charlie and Fatima.
Y4 Class Team.

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