



28 April 2021

Dear Year 4 Parents/Guardians,

Our topic for this term is **Stone Age, Iron Age and Who are We?** We will be thinking about the evolution of technology over time and the impact this has had on people's lives. Wherever possible, our topic will be covered through cross curricular teaching and learning so that we can make meaningful links across the curriculum.

In **English**, we have lots of stories to look forward to. We will be reading both *The Wild Way Home* and *The Stolen Spear*. We will also use lots of high quality picture books to support our studies, this will really bring the time period to life. We will be using drama, role-play and discussion to explore ideas and support writing, both fiction and non-fiction. Our grammar objectives will be embedded within our English lessons whilst spelling strategies and handwriting will be taught in separate lessons each week.

In **Maths**, we will be covering decimals, measurement of money and time, statistics as well as some geometry with shape and position and direction. We will also be working very hard to recall all multiplication facts for instant recall. Across the maths curriculum, we will be working on ways to reason and problem solve calculations in different contexts.

In **Science**, we will be learning all about animals and their habitats. We will think about what makes a living thing (MRS GREN/NERG) and what factors can affect their lives. Later in the term we will be learning more about teeth and the importance of keeping them clean and we will also learn more about digestive systems. We will develop our scientific skills further by completing exciting investigations and link these to our topic.

There will be a whole school focus on **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) as part of the school's participation in a wider Camden project. Y4 will be learning a bit more about the proposed Camden Highline through a STEAM lens and there will be a celebration of this whole school project towards the end of term.

**PE** sessions continue on Thursday afternoons with Coach Charlie. We will also have daily Wake and Shake sessions and the daily mile each morning. It is essential that the children bring a water bottle into school every day as our water fountains are still out of use due to Covid regulations. As we are jogging every day, the children need to have a comfortable pair of trainers to wear.

Your child will continue to receive homework via Google Classrooms every Thursday. Every week the children should complete their MyMaths tasks, TTRockstars practice, reading for pleasure and spelling practice. There will be an additional task, linked to the curriculum for that week.

This year your children would have been amongst the first to complete the DfE statutory Multiplication Check for Year 4 pupils but the DfE had to cancelled all statutory assessments this year. They have, however, suggested to schools that we

make use of the assessment and so we have decided to go ahead with the Multiplication Check in June. This assessment is completed online and asks the children a series of times tables questions to assess their knowledge and recall. Further information can be found here: [Information for parents: 2021 multiplication tables check](#) Please ask me if you have any questions about this.

As you are aware, it is crucial that your children know their times tables in order to make good progress with their maths. **Any multiplication practice you can provide for your child at home will greatly help them, for example: chanting the tables together (on the way to school, in the car etc) TTRockstars practice (short sessions completed frequently are most effective), writing out the tables, etc. A response time of less than 6 seconds is considered 'fluent' and practice is required to achieve that.**

Visits and workshops this term:

Crick Workshop (In school) - 27 April

CLC - (School Trip) - 17th May

Royal Mews Workshop (In School) - 24 May

Celtic HARMONY (School Trip) - 7 June

Warmest,

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