



10 September 2021

Dear Year 4 Parents/Guardians,

Hello and welcome to Year 4.

Year 4's 'Meet the Teacher' session will be held on Zoom on **Monday, 20th September** at **4.00 pm**. A Zoom invitation will be emailed to you separately.

Our topic for this term is **The Stone Age to The Modern Age: Developments in Technology** and we will be learning all about how technologies have been developed and invented over time. In the Half Term we will look closely at the Stone Age through to the Iron Age, after Half Term we will take a wider look at technology and what it means to us. 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 writing, 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 encourage the children to spend at least 5 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

Throughout the year, we will be undertaking a project with the Canal and Rivers Trust where we will be adopting a pocket section of Regent's Canal. This exciting opportunity will incorporate many elements of the curriculum with an overarching theme of protecting our environment. There will be a launch event for the pupils in the first half term.

Our science topics are Living Things and States of Matter.

Living things will involve thinking about what all living things have in common. We will learn about ways to classify living things and about how living things change over time.

After Half Term the topic will turn to chemistry and learning all about States of Matter. We will investigate matter and think about solids, liquids and gases. The children will conduct experiments to learn more about evaporation and condensation and to think about the water cycle in general.

In Art and DT, we will cover a range of projects. We will develop skills in working with different media to create collage, pots and textured pictures. After half term we will focus on developing our painting skills. We will create some healthy dishes in food tech and enjoy a variety of decorative crafts as we move towards the holiday season.

In PSHE, we will explore issues around well-being, hygiene, mental health, budgeting, medication/drugs/alcohol and stereotyping. We will take a closer look at our Hawley

Habits to support the children as they continue to learn the importance of valuing each other and respecting people's differences.

Y4 have singing assembly and a music lesson with Olga on a Wednesday morning. French will continue to be on a Friday.

PE will usually be on a Wednesday and a Thursday. We will continue to complete a daily mile, so 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. The children must practice their timetables using Times Tables Rockstars every day for approximately 5 minutes. Please support this and any other preferred methods you have to remember their times table facts up to 12 x 12 (Login details will be sent home)

If homework is not submitted on time, the children will be required to complete it during their lunch break on Thursdays.

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 important for fluency in writing and to achieve this they will benefit from practice at every opportunity.

Guided Reading will continue as a whole class activity. Please support and encourage your child to develop the habit of reading for pleasure. Sharing stories together, showing an interest in the books your child is reading, listening to audio books, researching a shared interest together are all good ways to do this. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Visits and workshops this term:

Hampstead Heath	Tuesday, 14 September
Camley Street Nature Reserve	Monday, 20 September
Museum of London	Tuesday, 5th October
Regents Canal Boat Trip	Wednesday, 6 October
CLC	Tuesday, 12 October (am)
National Gallery (workshop in school)	Tuesday, 12 October (pm)

With thanks for your support,

Warmest,

Lucy, Rada, Jade, Charlie, Clare and Jess.
Y4 Class Team.