

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring Term 2



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to Brampton Primary School. We hope that all children are feeling refreshed and ready for a new and exciting term.

Home Learning and Reading Records:

Our focus will continue to be on the key skills of reading, spelling and maths. The children are also encouraged to create a project about their wider curriculum topic: *The Vikings*. Some project ideas include a 3D model of a Viking longboat, a map showing the Viking settlements or an information sheet about the daily life of the Vikings. We very much look forward to receiving your child's project.

Reading records will be checked daily. Your child will be expected to read for at least 20-30 minutes per day and to write a short summary of what they have read. Please sign their reading record every week.

Your child will take home a maths journaling book, a spelling list and their reading record. We will also continue handing out comprehension worksheets every Friday. Please read the weekly text with your child and support them to answer the comprehension questions – your help is much appreciated. You will receive the answer sheets the following week – please mark each comprehension worksheet with your child. We do not expect perfect scores. We would like it to be a learning opportunity for your child. Lastly, children should also be practising their times tables at least 3 times a week via Times Tables Rock Stars. **Children who achieve the speed of under 2 seconds will receive a certificate and become members of the BPS Times Tables Club.**

Best wishes,

The Year 4 Team

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Bangladesh:

Ms Karolina Czarnecka

China:

Mr Colm Cosgrove

Tibet:

Ms Tahmida Begum

India:

Ms Rumaysa Ali

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Ms Karolina Czarnecka

Assistant Headteacher:

Mr Alex Wedgbury

Deputy Headteacher:

Ms Tracey Baillie

If you have any questions or concerns, please approach your child's class teacher.

This Term's Educational Visit

The Science Museum

Bangladesh and Tibet – Tuesday 10th March 2020

China and India – Monday 23rd March 2020

In connection with this half-term's science topic, Year 4 will be going on a trip to the Science Museum. We have a session booked for the children about the workings of the human digestive system called ***It Takes Guts***. The children will also spend time exploring ***Medicine – the Wellcome Galleries***, the world's largest display dedicated to the story of medicine. It houses more than 3,000 objects, which reveal how our ideas about health have changed throughout history to present day.

Easter Experience – Wednesday 18th March 2020

In connection with this half-term's RE topic, Year 4 will be attending the Easter Experience session at the Memorial Community Church in Plaistow. The Easter Experience is designed to fit in with the Year 4 scheme of work in Newham's Religious Education syllabus and is centred on the following question: *Why is Easter important to Christians?* The pupils will take part in a number of workshops, which will include storytelling, dance, music and art, thereby giving pupils a variety of ways to explore one of the core Christian beliefs.

PE Days

Bangladesh: PE on Thursday and Friday

India: PE on Wednesday and Thursday

China: PE on Thursday and swimming on Friday

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Please ensure your child has their PE kit, including a change of shoes. As the weather is still cold, please make sure children have appropriate clothes, for example, jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt/jumper.

Your child should bring their PE kit to school on Monday and take it home to wash on Friday. **Remember, if your child is taking part in swimming lessons, they will require a suitable swimsuit, towel and swimming hat (compulsory).**

Curriculum

This term's topics:

English: The children will be reading *Max and the Millions* by Ross Montgomery. In the first couple of weeks, they will be exploring how to create a play script based on a passage in a narrative form.

- **Maths: The pupils will start learning about time. They will then move onto exploring the world of decimals followed by exploring the world of mass, volume and length.**
- **Science: The children will be learning about the human digestive system and food chains.**
- **Wider Curriculum: Why did the Vikings want to come to Britain?**
- **Design and Technology: We will be learning to make bread.**
- **PSHE: The children will be learning how to ensure they have a healthy body and mind.**
- **Religious Education: Why is Easter important to Christians?**
- **Computing: We will be learning to use Logo Turtle Programming.**