

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1



Building Personal Success

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a wonderful break. We are immensely pleased that the children have returned keen and eager to learn and we aim to keep this momentum going throughout this summer term. We are very excited about the learning that is going to be taking place across the curriculum this half term. The Year 4 team are eager to continue to build and develop positive working relationships and would encourage you to communicate with us if you have any queries or concerns.

Our year group email address is: year4@brampton.newham.sch.uk

You are also welcome to speak to your child's class teacher after school when you collect your child. Alternatively, please call the school office to arrange an appointment.

Home Learning

Home Learning and Reading Records:

We place a great deal of importance on reading. Research shows that children who read regularly, and enjoy reading, make better progress and as a result enjoy greater future success. Therefore, it is expected that all children are reading every evening for 20-30 minutes and recording this in their reading record. To ensure we work together to improve your child's reading success, we would like to ask you to monitor their daily reading closely and ensure they record their reading in their reading record. Home Learning will also include Times Table RockStars and RWI spelling work. For children who would like more home learning, we suggest your child carries out further research about their wider curriculum topic and/or asks their class teacher for reading comprehension practice papers.

If you have any queries regarding home learning, please do not hesitate to discuss these with your child's class teacher after school or by arranging an appointment.

Swimming

The children will be taking part in swimming lessons this year. All children are expected to be able to swim a distance of at least 25m competently, confidently and proficiently. Each class will take part in a block of nine swimming lessons.

The dates for the lessons are as follows:

Tibet class 14th September 2021 – 16th November 2021

China class 23rd November 2021 – 8th February 2022

India class 22nd February 2022 – 3rd May 2022

Bangladesh class 10th May – 12th July 2022

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher or use the year4@brampton.newham.sch.uk email address.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 Team

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Bangladesh:

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China:

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Ms Stefanie Reay

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Ms Stefanie Reay

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Ms Tracey Baillie

This Term's Inspiration Day

The whole school topic for this half term is 'Wonders of the World' and that the question we are investigating in Year 4 is, 'Why is water wonderful?'

The children were introduced to the water cycle and created their own 'water cycle in a bag'.

The teachers were impressed by the children's understanding on the importance of water. They were able to explain the need for clean water and why we are fortunate to have access to clean water.



PE Days

Bangladesh: Wednesday and Thursday

India: Wednesday and Thursday

China: Wednesday and Thursday

Tibet: Thursday

Swimming will be on Tuesday.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit, including appropriate PE shoes. Please also ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather.

Your child should come to school in their PE kit. If this arrangement changes, we will let you know.



Curriculum

English: We will be reading *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White and exploring the themes and conflicts that arise in the story which should inspire vivid writing from pupils. We will examine how the author creates memorable characters and describes settings. We will be reviewing some classic poetry and writing our own.

Mathematics: MNP Chapter 1 – numbers to 10000, MNP Chapter 2 – addition and subtraction within 10000, MNP Chapter 3 – multiplication and division and MNP Chapter 6 – fractions.

Geography: We will be locating countries with the world's most famous rivers and the mountains from which they originate. Investigating the rivers and what makes them unique and special. Understanding the water cycle and learn about the impact of water on communities.

Science: Living Things and Their Habitats.

Religious Education: What is special to me and the people in my community? How and why do Hindus worship at home and in the Mandir?

PSHE: Being Me in My World.

Art: Learning to compare and contrast Marcia Baldwin paintings of water lilies. Use sketching and then painting techniques to create own version of one of these paintings.

It is important that children have a water bottle in school. This can be left in school overnight and we will refill the bottles throughout the day.

Children also need to make sure they are in correct school uniform, including a Brampton PE kit.