

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2



Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the half term break. We are incredibly happy to welcome all the children back. It has been wonderful to see their smiling faces and hear their laughter in class and in the playground. 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.

We were blown away by the home learning projects that were created about the water cycle. Thank you so much for your ongoing support and encouragement with the children's learning. We look forward to seeing the projects that the children create in relation to Anglo Saxons.

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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China:

Mr Colm Cosgrove

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Year Group Leader:

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 'Imagination and Make Believe' and the question we are investigating in Year 4 is, 'What did the Anglo-Saxons believe?'

In class the children have been able to write using the Anglo- Saxon alphabet and have also used clay to recreate Anglo- Saxon artefacts. They were able to have a mature and insightful discussion on the subject of migration. They were able to make connections between the past and the present and explain why people migrate and the positive affects this has on our community.

The teachers have been impressed by all the extra reading and writing the children have completed around this subject. Well done Year 4!

PE Days

Bangladesh: Wednesday and Thursday

India: Wednesday and Thursday

China: Wednesday and Thursday

The children will begin their swimming lessons on the **23rd November**. For the duration of their swimming block, PE on Wednesday will stop.

Tibet: Thursday

Swimming will be on Tuesday. When **swimming stops on the 16th of November**, children will have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday.

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: Letters and correspondence using the texts *What A Waste: Rubbish, Recycling, and Protecting our Planet* and *The Rabbits* by Shaun Tan.

Mathematics: Further multiplication and division then moving on to finding equivalent fractions and simplifying improper fractions.

History: Learning about why the Anglo-Saxons and Scots settled in Britain. Learning about their beliefs and motivations.

Science: Electricity. Learning how to make a circuit and the importance of safety.

Religious Education: Investigating the relationship between religious and our neighbourhood: Why is the Bible a special book?

Computing: Audio editing: using Audacity to produce a podcast, which will include editing their work, adding multiple tracks, and opening and saving the audio files

PSHE: Celebration Difference. We will be reading the books *A Pig is Moving In* by Claudia Fries and *Ruby* by Maggie Glen.

Art: Making Oaxacan (pronounced 'wahakai') animals or mythical creatures using paper and Modroc.

PE: Tennis and dodgeball.

Music: Learning about The Firebird and Petrushka, featuring music by Stravinsky

Spanish: Sports

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.