

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Spring Term 1



Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and took time to relax and be with family. It was lovely to welcome the children back to school and hear about all different things they did during the break. 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](mailto: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. Once again, the children impressed us greatly with their home learning projects and the Anglo Saxon homes they made or research projects. Their creativity is exceptional. Thank you 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 the Mayans.

### Swimming

Bangladesh class will continue with their weekly swimming lessons this half term. The last lesson will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The dates for the lessons are as follows for the other classes:

**China class** 21st February 2023 - Tuesday 2nd May 2023

**Tibet class** - 9th May 2023 - Tuesday 11th July 2023

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

Kind regards,  
The Year 4 Team

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#### Bangladesh:

Ms Khan

#### China:

Ms Nareshkumar

#### India:

Ms Sonia Bosor

#### Tibet:

Ms Qureshi

### Teaching Assistant:

Ms Shapla Begum

Ms Ghazala Atif

### Year Group Leader:

Ms Fahima Khan

### Phase Leader:

Ms Stefanie Reay

### Deputy Head Teacher:

Ms Tracey Baillie

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### Educational visit – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

The children will be taking part in a Mayan Virtual Reality (VR) event. Using VR headsets (similar to binoculars) the children will be able to see a 360° perspective of the place they are visiting, almost giving them the feeling of being there. The VR Team will be coming into school.

The archaeological site of Chichén Itzá in Mexico was excavated in 1841 and still stands today. During this workshop, the children will be shown the main Temple of Kukulcan, the Temple of Warriors and the remaining ruins of the Great Ball Court used to play the savage game, pok-ta-pok! The children will learn why there are 91 steps on each side of the Temple of Kukulcan and also visit, El Caracol, a building believed to have been built as an observatory. This workshop really helps to bring the Mayan civilisation to life.



### PE Days

Bangladesh: Thursday and swimming on Tuesdays

India: Wednesday and Thursday

China: Wednesday and Thursday

Tibet: Monday 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:** *Once Upon a Time*. There will be a focus on Fairy Tales for this whole half term, exploring the stories of *Snow White* working towards writing their own Fairy Tale.

**Mathematics:** Further multiplication and division of numbers up to 3 digits and reading time on both 12hr and 24hr clocks, how to convert between units of time and solving time word problems.

**History:** Mayan civilisation (c.900) compared with Britain (c.900). Learning about the differences in the civilisations- looking at different sources of information and their reliability

**Science:** The children will learn about sound and how sound travels. They will be asking questions and taking part in experiments.

**Religious Education:** What is special to me and the people in my community? What makes me the person I am?

**Computing:** Photo editing. The children will develop their understanding of how digital images can be changed and edited, and how they can then be resaved and reused

**PSHE:** Dreams and Goals. The children will be looking at the following text: *Salt in His Shoes* by Michael Jordan,

**Art:** Painting and mixed media: Light and dark. Children will be using shadows and tint to create 3D effect images.

**PE:** Rowing

**Music:** Music and Mythology, featuring *The Planets* by Gustav Holst.

**Spanish:** Spanish cities and monuments

**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.**