

# 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 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.

Parents and carers are welcome to speak to their child's class teacher after school when their child is collected. Parents and carers are also able to email [info@brampton.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brampton.newham.sch.uk) if they have been unable to see their child's class teacher during the school day. Just put your class teacher's name in the subject line. 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 in their learning. As a result, they can expect to enjoy greater future success. Therefore, it is expected that all children read every evening for 20-30 minutes and record this in their reading record. To ensure we work together to improve your child's reading success, we would like to ask parents and carers to monitor their child's daily reading closely and ensure they record their reading in their reading record. Home Learning will also include Times Table RockStars and RWI spelling. For families who would like more home learning, we suggest your child carries out further research about their curriculum topic. The big question that Year 4 are looking at this half term is: ***Why is water wonderful?*** They will be learning about rivers and the water cycle. Parents and carers can also ask their class teacher for reading comprehension practice papers, if desired. 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 at a time that is more convenient.

### Swimming

All children in Year 4 will be taking part in swimming lessons this year as part of the statutory PE curriculum. All children are expected to be able to swim a distance of at least 25m competently, confidently and proficiently by the end of the sessions. Each class will take part in a block of nine swimming lessons. The class will visit Newham Leisure Centre every Tuesday afternoon. Attending this half term is:

*India class – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

The children will require a swimming cap, a swimming costume and a towel.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

**The Year 4 Team**

### The Year 4 Team

#### Bangladesh:

Ms Rizwana Qureshi

#### China:

Ms Shamima Begum

#### India:

Mr Stephen Lambert

#### Tibet:

Ms Hafiza Kasu

### Classroom Practitioner:

Mrs Shapla Begum

### Year Group Leader:

Ms Amarprit Sheri

### Phase Leader:

Mrs Marie Hardie

**If you have any questions or queries, please speak to your child's class teacher or to the year group leader.**

### This Term's Inspiration Day

The whole school theme for this half term is 'Wonders of the World' and the Big Question we are investigating in Year 4 is:

#### Why is water wonderful?

The children will be introduced to the water cycle and will create their own water cycles.

The teachers will encourage the children to discuss and develop their understanding of the importance of water. They should be able to explain the need for clean water and why we are fortunate to have access to clean water.



### PE Days

Bangladesh: Tuesday and Wednesday

India: Wednesday and swimming on Tuesday

China: Tuesday and Wednesday

Tibet: Tuesday and Wednesday

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. This should be in line with Brampton's uniform expectations – black shorts or jogging bottoms and a school blue T-shirt. In warm weather, the children should wear shorts and in colder weather, wear jogging bottoms. The children should wear plimsolls or trainers.



### Curriculum

**English:** This half term, our whole school focus will be Black History Month. This is reflected in our focus text, which will be *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverley Naidoo. The children will be analysing characters and will have the opportunity to write their own setting descriptions as well as parts of a narrative and poetry.

**Mathematics:** Over the course of this term, children will first recap their prior learning. They will then be starting the Maths No Problem syllabus with Chapter 1 – numbers to 10000, then Chapter 2 – addition and subtraction within 10000 and finally Chapter 3 – multiplication and division.

**Geography:** We will be using maps and atlases to locate countries with the world's most famous and iconic rivers and mountains. Children will investigate the creation and structure of rivers and mountains. They will then build their understanding of the water cycle and learn about the impact of water on communities.

**Science:** In science this half term, children will be learning about the different states of matter. They will spend time experimenting with different materials and discussing their properties.

**Religious Education:** This term, the Big Question is: What is special to me and the people in my community? Children will have the opportunity to see and understand how diverse our community is and will be able to discover similarities and differences between places of worship and religious practices.

**PSHE:** Our topic is Being Me in My World. Children will discuss what it means to be themselves and also what it means to be a part of a team.

**Art and Design:** Children will be focussing on the skill of drawing this half term.

**Music:** The Supernatural World (Greig, Mussorgsky, Saint Saens)

**PE:** Athletics

**Computing:** Computing systems and networks

**Spanish:** Me and My world: The clothes and the clothes shop – role-play. Book: *A los Marcianos les Encantan los Calzoncillos* by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort

**Design and Technology:** Electric Systems – Torches

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

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