

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2



Building Personal Success

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. 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 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 Rock Stars and RWI spelling.

For families who would like more home learning, we suggest your child carries out further research about their history topic. The whole school theme for Autumn 2 is **Special People and Special Places** and the big question that Year 4 are looking at this half term is: **Who were the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots?**

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. The classes attending this half term are: India class, who will continue until Tuesday 14th November 2023, followed by Tibet class who will attend from Tuesday 21st November until Tuesday 7th February 2024. 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 term.

The Year 4 Team

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Year Group Leader & Bangladesh class:

Ms Rizwana Qureshi

China class:

Ms Shamima Begum

India class:

Mr Stephen Lambert

Tibet class:

Ms Hafiza Kasu

Classroom Practitioner:

Mrs Shapla Begum

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 '*Special People and Special Places*' and the Big Question we are investigating in Year 4 is:

'Who were the Anglo Saxons and the Scots?'

The children will be introduced to who the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots were and why they settled in Britain. They will watch videos showing how three monks brought Christianity to the Anglo-Saxons living in Britain and they will complete a timeline activity to look at when the changes in belief started to happen. The children will also look at the Anglo-Saxon riddles and make up their own and write it in runes. They will read poetry by Benjamin Zephaniah and have a mature and insightful discussion on the subject of migration. They will make connections between the past and the present and explain why people migrate and the positive effects this has on our community.

PE Days

PE lessons take place on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.

Classes who are swimming attend on a Tuesday afternoon.

India class will go swimming on Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 14th November 2023

Tibet class who will go swimming every Tuesday this half term, starting on Tuesday 21st November.

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 Letters and correspondence. Our focus texts will be: *What a Waste: Rubbish, Recycling, and Protecting our Planet* by Jess French and *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward. The children will be learning about the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference – COP 28 and will have the opportunity to write a letter to Stephen Timms MP to highlight the problems with plastic pollution, deforestation and the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Mathematics: Over the course of this term, children will continue with the Maths No Problem syllabus - Chapter 2 – addition and subtraction within 10000, then Chapter 3 – multiplication and division and finally, Chapter 6 – fractions.

History: Children will investigate why the Anglo-Saxons and Scots settled in Britain and they will learn about their beliefs and motivations.

Science: In science this half term, children will be learning about electricity. They will learn about how common appliances run on electricity and will construct a simple series electrical circuits using cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.

Religious Education: In year 4, the Big Question is: What is important to the people in my local community? The children will be answering the question: Why is the Bible special for Christian people?

PSHE: Our topic is Celebrating Difference. The children will discuss why we sometimes make assumptions based on what people look like and learn that we must try to accept people for who they are.

Art and Design: Children will be focusing on the skill of drawing and power prints this half term.

Music: The Firebird and Petrushka - Featuring music by Stravinsky

PE: Orienteering and Dodgeball

Computing: Creating Media - Audio production, using Audacity.

Spanish: School and free time activities – Sports

Design and Technology: Electric Systems – Torches, then Digital World and making a Mindful Moments timer.

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.