

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Spring Term 1



Building Personal Success

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly excited about the learning that is going to be taking place across the curriculum during the Spring Term. The Year 4 Team are eager to continue to build on and develop the positive working relationships established in the autumn term and would encourage all parents and carers to communicate with us if you have any queries or questions about your child's learning. Parents and carers are welcome to speak to their child's class teacher after school, when the children have been collected or alternatively, parents and carers can 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 on 0208 472 0830 to arrange an appointment.

### 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 curriculum topic. The BPS theme for the spring term 1 is: **'Imagination and Make Believe.'** The big question that Year 4 will be looking at during the half term is: **'What did the people of the Mayan civilisation believe?'** The children will be learning about the Mayan civilisation and comparing them to the Anglo-Saxons. Parents and carers can also ask their children to complete the reading comprehension practice that is uploaded onto Microsoft Teams every week, 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: Tibet class, who will continue until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024. They will be followed by China class who will attend from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 until Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 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 year.

**The Year 4 Team**

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#### Year Group Leader

Ms Rizwana Qureshi

#### Bangladesh class

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#### 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 **'Imagination and Make Believe'** and the Big Question we are investigating in Year 4 is: **'What did the people of the Mayan civilisation believe?'**

The children will be introduced to who the Mayan people were. They will use their imagination to 'transport' themselves to the time of the Maya and imagine what it must have been like to live at that time. They will look at artefacts and pictures about the concepts being investigated during this topic, make observations and ask any questions that they may have. The children will also construct a timeline of the Maya and explore maps so that they can start to picture where in the world they lived and make comparisons to the UK.

### PE Days

Bangladesh: Tuesday and Wednesday

India: Tuesday and Wednesday

China: Tuesday and Wednesday

Tibet: Swimming on 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 *'Once Upon a Time' – Fairy Tales*. Our focus texts will be: *'Snow White in New York'* and *'The Poisoned Apple.'* The children will learning about the features of a fairy tale and they will have the opportunity to retell a fairy tale and write an alternative version.

**Mathematics:** Over the course of the next half term, children will continue with the Maths No Problem syllabus – Chapter 6 – fractions. They will learn how to recognise equivalent fractions and make equivalent fractions.

**History:** Children will investigate the Mayan civilisation and what they believed. They will make comparisons between the Maya (c.900) compared with Britain (c.900), learning about the differences between the civilisations through different sources of information while considering their reliability.

**Science:** In science this half term, children will be learning about 'Sound'. They will learn how sound travels and they will take part in a workshop related to this topic at the Science Museum.

**Religious Education:** This term, to help answer the question: What is important to the people in my local community? the Big Question for Spring 1 is: What makes me the person I am?

**PSHE:** Our topic is Dreams and Goals. The children will discuss their hopes and dreams, overcoming disappointment, developing resilience and creating new and realistic dreams.

**Art and Design:** Children will be focusing on the skill of painting and mixed media: Light and dark. They will be using shadows and tints to create 3D effect images.

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

**PE:** Rowing and gymnastics

**Computing:** Programming – Repetition in shapes using Logo.

**Spanish:** Spanish cities and monuments.

**Design and Technology:** 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.**