

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring Term 2



Building Personal Success

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly excited about the learning that is going to be taking place across the curriculum in Spring term 2. The Year 4 team are eager to continue to build on the great progress the children made in the first half of the academic year and value the contribution that positive working relationships with parents and carers has made to the children's attitude towards school and their learning. Do continue to speak to us if you have any queries or questions about your child's education.

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 curriculum topic. The BPS theme for Spring term 2 is: **'Mother Nature.'** The big question that Year 4 will be looking at in their history lessons will be: **'Why did the Vikings want to come to Britain?'** 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. 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.

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 **China class**, who will begin on *Tuesday 20th February 2024 until Tuesday 30th 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 & 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.

Multiplication Check

In June of this year, all Year 4 children in England and Wales, including those at Brampton Primary School, will need to complete a statutory assessment based on the multiplication tables. The multiplication tables are learnt best through regular and sustained practice. At Brampton Primary School, we use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) to help pupils learn the multiplication and division facts in a fun and engaging way. All pupils at our school are given login details and children are expected to use the online application each week as part of their home learning. By the end of Year 4, the children should be able to fluently recall and use multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to, and including, 12 x 12. Children should know, for example, that $6 \times 7 = 42$ and conversely $42 \div 7 = 6$.

Go to <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> and encourage your child to practise a little every day.



PE Days

Bangladesh: Tuesday and Wednesday

India: Tuesday and Wednesday

China: Swimming on Tuesday and PE on 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.



Year 4 Spring 2 Curriculum

English: This half term, our whole school focus will be poetry and adventure stories that are linked to our overarching theme '*Mother Nature*'. The children will be exposed to different poems, learn part or the whole poem and perform them. For the remainder of the term, the focus will be on writing an adventure story.

Mathematics: Children will continue with the Maths No Problem syllabus – Chapter 7 – '*Time*'. They will learn how to use both the 12-hour clock and the 24-hour clock. They will convert between units of time, such as minutes and seconds, and hours and minutes.

History: In history, the children will investigate the big questions: '*Why did the Vikings want to come to Britain?*' and '*What happened in Britain when the Vikings invaded?*'

Science: The children will be learning about '*Living Things and their Habitats*'. They will explore how living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, in addition to using classification keys.

Religious Education: The Big Question is: What is special to me and the people in my community? Our topic for this half term will be '*Why is Easter important to Christians?*'

PSHE: Our topic will be: '*Healthy Me*'. The children will be exploring what it means to make and maintain healthy relationships, how to keep their body and mind healthy and how to avoid negative peer pressure.

Art and Design: Children will be using shadows and tints to create 3D effect images.

Music: The children will explore pieces by Bedřich Smetana and Ludwig van Beethoven related to nature and continue to learn the recorder.

PE: Basketball and Handball

Computing: Data logging – collecting data, analysing data and, asking and answering questions about it.

Spanish: endangered animals: '*el lince*'.

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.