# Year 4 Newsletter Summer Term 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled about the upcoming learning opportunities for our classes in the first half of the summer term and we have high expectations for what they can achieve as they prepare for the transition to Year 5. The Year 4 team have been diligently working with the children for two terms now, fostering positive relationships and aiming for continued growth. We strongly encourage parents and carers to reach out with any questions or queries they may have about how to further support their child's education. You are welcome to speak with your child's class teacher directly after school during pick-up time. If that's not convenient, feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:info@brampton.newham.sch.uk">info@brampton.newham.sch.uk</a>, putting your class teacher's name in the subject line. Alternatively, you can call the school office to schedule an appointment. We value open communication and look forward to further collaboration.

#### **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 also includes 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 Summer Term 2 is: *Follow the Rules.* The Big Question that Year 4 will be looking at next half term is: 'Who has been England's best ruler?' and the children will be learning about the monarchy. On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Bangladesh class and China class will visit The National Portrait Gallery followed by Tibet class and India class who will visit on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. In addition to this, The Tower of London would be fantastic places to visit to enhance your child's learning, along with taking out books on the subject from your local library.

Parents and carers can also ask their children to complete the reading comprehension practice that is uploaded onto Microsoft Teams every week, if desired.

#### **Swimming**

All children in Year 4 will be taking part/have taken 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: Bangladesh class who will attend from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. 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 and 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, children should be able to fluently recall and use multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to and including 12 x 12. The children should know, for example, that  $6 \times 7 = 42$ and conversely  $42 \div 7 = 6$ .



#### PE Days

<u>Bangladesh</u>: Swimming on Tuesday and PE on Wednesday, then PE on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**India:** Tuesday and Wednesday

China: Tuesday and Wednesday

<u>Tibet:</u> 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 on sports and games and non-fiction writing — linked to our overarching theme: **'Follow the Rules'**. The children will be analysing sporting events and writing their rules for a game.

**Mathematics:** *Geometry* - The children will learn about types of angles. They will name and compare angles, and use this information to help when classifying triangles and quadrilaterals. They will explore symmetry and draw lines of symmetry on shapes and figures.

History: In history, the children will investigate the question: Who has been England's best ruler?

Science: The children will be learning about animals including humans - food chains.

**Religious Education:** The Big Question is: What is special to me and the people in my community? Our question for this half term will be: *What happens when someone gets married?* 

**PSHE:** Our theme will be: *Changing Me.* They will be focusing on being unique, confidence in change, accepting change, preparing for transition and environmental change.

Art and Design: Children will be learning about Sculpture and 3D - Mega materials.

Music: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Horn Concerto No. 4 requiem and modern pop songs.

PE: Tennis and Rounders

**Computing:** Programming B - *Repetition in games.* 

Spanish: In Spanish this half term, the focus will be on - Modern toys and games.

**Design and Technology:** Textiles: *Fastenings.* This term, the children will make their book sleeves.

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.