



November 2022

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a good break. We have another busy half term to look forward to and an exciting performance to prepare for!

Curriculum

History – This half term we will continue to learn about The Romans. In the previous half term, we focused on the forming of the republic and in this half term we will learn about the growing empire. We will look at the Roman army, Julius Caesar, Augustus, Claudius and Pompeii.

Geography – Children will be learning about populations this half term. We will look at migration, the Haringey census, ethnicity and ethnically diverse populations.

Science – We are initially finishing off our topic of 'States of Matter' and then will be moving on to our new topic 'Animals including Humans'. We will be focusing on food chains, teeth and the digestive system.

English – To begin this half term, we will be working on developing our own friendships stories using '*The Boy at the Back of the Class*' as an inspiration. Children will craft a narrative story, where a character encounters a friend that needs cheering up and goes on an adventure. We will then move onto a poetry unit of work. We will look at poetry from other cultures using the text *Dancing in the Rain* by John Lyons.

Maths – We'll continue with our work on addition and subtraction this half term, this time focusing on teaching the formal written methods for both. After this, we will teach the children about decimals (up to two decimal places). Towards the end of the term, our focus will move onto length and perimeter. You can check the weekly overview on ParentHub for a more thorough breakdown of objectives covered each week.

Computing – This half term, the children will continue to learn about HTML by using our scheme of work, Kapow. They will understand that web pages are built using different programming languages and one of them is HTML. By the end of this unit, the children will learn how to alter key elements on a web page including text and images.

PSHE – We are also focusing our learning on a families and relationships unit which will go into the Spring Term. In this unit, we will be learning that families are varied and differences must be respected; understanding physical and emotional boundaries in friendships; exploring: the roles of bully, victim and bystander; how behaviour affects others; manners in different situations and learning about bereavement.

Religion and Worldviews - This half term we will start our Religion and Worldviews topic on Christianity. The children will learn about the origins of Christianity and Christian celebrations.

Dance – The Year 4 teachers have been choreographing the dance the children will perform for the Year 6 play. We will be dancing to 'I'm coming out' by Diana Ross.

Headteacher Leon Choueke

Library

Year 4 classes have a library slot on the following days:

4B Thursday week 1

4P Tuesday week 1

4R Friday week 1

4R Tuesday week 2

This time gives the children an opportunity to change their books. All Year 4 also have additional weekly opportunities to visit the library or change their books on a Tuesday lunch time and a Thursday break time.

Weekly overview

Please check the weekly overview on ParentHub in order to find out more about what exactly we are doing in class each week. This is a great way to know areas you can support your child at home.

Home learning

The home learning sheets for maths, English & the wider curriculum are posted on our website but do ask if you would like a paper copy. These will give you a clear overview of what we are working on in class with ideas for activities, websites to look at and a clear breakdown of the way some of these skills are taught in class. MyMaths and TTRockstars are also updated each half term and we strongly encourage the children to engage with these at home.

Trips

We are in the process of trying to book some trips in for the year and will soon be able to let you know the dates.

As always, if you have any questions please do come and speak to your class teacher.

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