



April 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely break. We are now entering the final term of Year 4.

Here is an overview of what we are covering in Year 4 this half term:

Maths – Fractions and Decimals

We will complete our unit on fractions for the first three weeks of the half term. After this, we will move onto decimals. Specific objectives are available for you to view each week on the weekly overview on ParentHub.

In preparation for the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** in June, we will continue to complete turbo tests each week in class. It would be very beneficial to your child if you can help them to develop their instant recall of all times tables up to 12x12 at home. TT Rockstars is a great website for practising times tables and we are encouraging its use, particularly of the 'Sound Check' feature, for 15 minutes two to three times a week.

English – Adventure Stories

In the first week, we will complete a grammar unit on apostrophes and revise previous learning on complex sentences and fronted adverbials. For the remainder of the term, we will complete a unit on adventure stories.

Geography – Earthquakes

We will be learning all about earthquakes this half term. We will be looking at the earthquake of 2010 in Christchurch, New Zealand as a case study. The children will learn why earthquakes happen, how we measure them, what the effects are and finally how humans live with earthquakes.

Science – Electricity

We are completing our learning on 'Living Things and Their Habitats' from last half term. We will then focus on Electricity, discussing how we produce it for our homes, defining parts of a circuit and conductors and insulators, and finally, how it has changed the world.

History – Arabia and Early Islam

We are going to be studying Arabia and early Islam. We will begin our learning in 570 CE. In this period, the Byzantine Empire was dominating the Mediterranean. We will learn about how Islam spread across the land.

Religion and World Views- How should we live our lives and what should inspire us?

The key questions the children will explore are:

- What values and commitments have been inspired by founders of faith, communities, or leaders?
- How have actions of people of faith changed our world?
- How might we change our lives in the light of the qualities demonstrated by other people?

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PE –Tennis and Athletics

This half term the children will focus on tennis with their class teachers and athletics with Mario and Jason.

Computing – Collaborative Learning

This half term, we will start a unit on collaborative learning. The children will learn how to use Google Documents and shared PowerPoints.

PSHE - Citizenship

Our focus this half term will be on citizenship. The first lesson will look at human rights.

Music - Blackbird

We will listen to, appraise and learn about the history of the song 'Blackbird' by The Beatles. The children will sing and create their own piece of music inspired by the song.

Forest School

4P and 4B will start their forest school sessions with Ms. Bosworth. Each class will have 2 or 3 sessions this half term, which will replace the two PE sessions normally timetabled for that week. Please also ensure children have appropriate weather proof clothing and footwear on their forest school day. 4P will have forest school on Wednesday week 1 and 4B will have it on Wednesday week 2.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 22nd April – Roman's virtual tour of London Mithraeum for all children in Year 4.

Sunday 12th May – Coleridge Fun Run

Wednesday 15th May – Year 4 open morning (8:50 – 9:05am)

Monday 20th May – 4B and 4R trip to Natural History Museum for an earthquake show and exhibition. Please see previous post / email with further information on this trip.

Wednesday 22nd May - 4O and 4P trip to Natural History Museum for an earthquake show and exhibition. Please see previous post / email with further information on this trip.

Saturday 29th June – Summer Fair

Wednesday 3rd July – Sports Day

Thursday 9th July – School reports given to parents/carers

Wednesday 17th July – Parents evening (in-person)

At the beginning of June, all year 4 classes will go on a trip to **Walthamstow Wetlands**. Further details, including exact dates and details of how parents/carers can volunteer to support classes on the day, will be sent out shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

The Year 4 team.

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