



**November 2024**

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 formation of the Republic, and 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 explore migration, the Haringey census, ethnicity, and ethnically diverse populations.

**Science** – Children will start a new topic on ‘Animals, including Humans.’ We will focus on food chains, teeth, and the digestive system.

**English** – To begin this half-term, we will be working on developing our own stories, using *The Boy at the Back of the Class* as inspiration. Children will craft a narrative story in which a character encounters a friend who needs cheering up and goes on an adventure. We will then move on to a poetry unit, exploring 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, focusing on teaching the formal written methods. After this, our focus will shift to length and perimeter. Towards the end of the term, we will start a unit on multiplication and division. You can check the weekly overview on ParentHub for a more thorough breakdown of the objectives covered each week.

**Computing** – This half-term, the children will continue to focus on Scratch. They will work on a project where they will create their own game, which will include multiple variables.

**PSHE** – We are also focusing on a Families and Relationships unit, which will extend into the Spring Term. In this unit, we will learn that families are varied and differences must be respected; understand physical and emotional boundaries in friendships; explore the roles of bully, victim, and bystander; examine how behavior affects others; discuss manners in different situations; and learn 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 School Play. We will be dancing to *Danger Zone* by Kenny Loggins.

**Headteacher Leon Choueke**

## Library

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

4B: Thursday, Week 1

4P: Tuesday, Week 2

4O: Friday, Week 1

4R: Wednesday, Week 2

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

## Forest School

Classes will be going to Forest School on the following dates this half-term:

4O: 13th November, 27th November, 11<sup>th</sup> December

4B: 6th November, 20th November, 4th December

Children need to bring sensible footwear and clothes that are not too precious, weather-appropriate, and waterproof if needed.

## Trips

We have exciting trips planned for the Spring and Summer terms. This half-term, we will have an online session with the London Mithraeum, where children will have an opportunity to explore Roman artefacts sent to Coleridge by the Museum.

## Dates for your diaries

**Visit the Year 4 Classrooms** – 27<sup>th</sup> November (8:50am – 9:05am)

**School play performances** – 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Carol Concert** – 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

The Year 4 Team

**Headteacher Leon Choueke**

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