November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good break. We have a particularly 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 Roman 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 have continued working on developing our own stories, using 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Raúf as inspiration. We will then move on to an instructional writing unit based around the text 'How to Get to Starshine City'. For the final week, we will do a poetry unit, exploring poetry from other cultures using the text 'Dancing in the Rain' by John Lyons.

Maths – After completing our final lessons on addition and subtraction, 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 have been focusing on a 'My Healthy Self' unit. Within this unit, we have learnt about: balanced diets and examining daily habits; how keeping active can help our mind and bodies; recognising when someone may need support and how to ask for help; as well as understanding a growth mindset. Our next unit will be focused on 'Connecting with Others'. The unit will include how to be respectful to others as well as being respectful to yourself; consider how actions may affect friendships and describe ways to build a trusting friendship; understand how to ask for help if they see bullying; and also describe what stereotypes are and why they are unfair.

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. This will be done as a whole curriculum day.

Dance – The Year 4 teachers have been busy choreographing the dance the children will perform for the School Play! We will start rehearsing imminently!

Headteacher Leon Choueke

Library

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

4B: Thursday, Week 1
4P: Wednesday, Week 1
4O: Tuesday, Week 2
4R: Monday, Week 1

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 Monday lunchtime and Thursday break time.

Forest School

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

4B: 18th November, 2nd December
4R: 25th November, 9th December
4O: 4th November
4P: 11th November

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. More details to follow nearer the time!

Dates for your diaries:

Autumn Festival – 14th November (3-7pm) West Playground
Visit the Year 4 Classrooms – 16th November (8:50am – 9:10am)
Parents' Evening – 18th November (4-8pm) West Hall
Winter Concert – 16th December (3.45pm onwards) West Hall
Last day of term & Toy Day – 18th December

As always, if you have any questions, please do come and speak to one of us or arrange a time to meet with your class teacher.

Here's to another great half term!

The Year 4 Team