

Year 4 Parent Information



Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

General Information:

Children will sit their National Multiplication Check during the first 2 weeks of June 2024 and we strongly encourage them to learn their tables. Please ensure no holidays are booked during these weeks.

On Friday 29th September the Port of London will be coming in to talk to the children and on Thursday 5th October we will have a trip to Wat Tyler Park. During the final week of the first half time, we will be visiting a local river.

PE:

Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit are **clearly named**. Children should have a PE kit in school. PE kit should consist of a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Children may also wear a black tracksuit. On your child's PE day, please ensure that earrings are removed for Health and Safety reasons or the children have tape in school. PE for each class will be on a Tuesday, children can come to school in PE kit on this day, and swimming will be on alternate Wednesdays for each class beginning on 20th September until 29th November. Weeks where we are not swimming, children will have a PE lesson and can use their PE kit in school.

Homework:

- Reading - This needs to be done daily for fifteen to twenty minutes and recorded in the reading records.
- Times tables - These should be practiced on a daily basis using Times Table Rock Stars for a minimum of thirty minutes a week.
- Spellings - Children will be given spellings to learn each week, these will be stuck into their reading records. A spelling activity can be accessed from a Friday via Spelling Shed to help them learn their spellings. Spellings should be learnt for the test the following Friday.

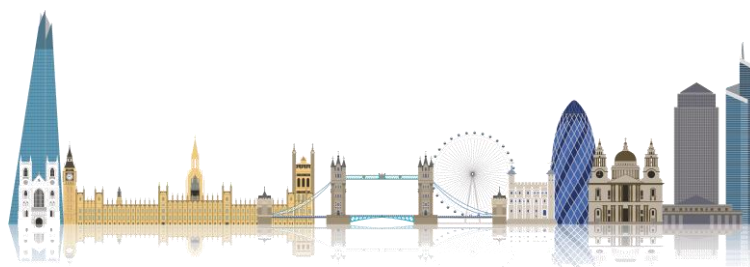
We are encouraging the children to become more independent by following the 5Rs of Readiness, Resilience, Resourcefulness, Responsibility and Reflectiveness, so please remind your child that it is their responsibility to complete their homework and have their reading records in school every day. There is a homework club on Friday Lunch Time should your child be unable to complete the tasks set at home.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this overview or have any other concerns about your child, do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Mr E Clarke, Miss B Dale



Below are details of what your child will be learning in school during this term.

During the first half term our Topic is: What are rivers and how are they used?	
<p>English</p> <p>This half term, pupils will be looking at writing poems to tell a story and creating narrative through different viewpoints whilst studying the texts Tar Beach and Flotsom.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Children will be looking at place value, numbers to 10,000, adding and subtracting four-digit numbers.</p>
<p>Music</p> <p>Children will apply the vocabulary of the musical dimensions to describe and discuss a piece of music and draw a picture depicting what they have heard in the music. They will be using the suite of music 'Fantasia' by various composers to evaluate dynamics, pitch, beat, tempo, duration, silence, rests, texture and timbre</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p>Children will explore the different ways water is stored and moves. They will name and map major rivers both in the UK and globally. Children learn about the features and courses of a river and how they are used by humans, before studying a local river to spot these features.</p>
<p>Design and Technology</p> <p>After learning about various types of bridges and exploring how the strength of structures can be affected by the shapes used, children will create their own bridge and test its durability.</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>Children will learn about working collaboratively in a responsible and considerate way as well as looking at a range of collaborative tools. We will also look at online safety.</p>
<p>P.E.</p> <p>Children will be looking at attacking and defending in different invasion games and swimming.</p>	<p>History</p> <p>The children will learn about the historical significance and uses of the Thames.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> <p>Pupils will be learning to recognise their own strengths, skills and interests.</p>	<p>R.E.</p> <p>Pupils will be investigating why Jesus is an inspiration to others.</p>
<p>MFL</p> <p>They will be looking at places in the town and how to give directions.</p>	
During the second half term our Topic is: How does sound and electricity travel?	
<p>English</p> <p>This half term pupils will be writing a Science Fiction story and looking at writing explanation while investigating the texts of FAR THER and Until I met Dudley.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Children will be developing their understanding of multiplication and division facts, multiplying 3 numbers and calculating the area of shapes.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>Pupils will be learning about how sound is made and how it travels, plus how we hear. They will also make electrical circuits and learn about the components.</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>Children will learn the basics of programming in Scratch and will create a simple script, use decomposition and understand what variables are.</p>
<p>Design and Technology</p> <p>Pupils apply their scientific understanding of electrical circuits to create a torch made from recycled and reclaimed materials and objects. They design and evaluate their product against set design criteria.</p>	<p>R.E.</p> <p>The children will continue learning about Jesus as an inspiration to others with a closer look at Holy Week and its significance to Christians.</p>
<p>P.E.</p> <p>Children will continue their work on invasion games and swimming will continue.</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>Children will continue with their work around 'Fantasia.'</p>
<p>PSHE</p> <p>The children will be learning how best to manage their emotions.</p>	<p>MFL</p> <p>Pupils will be learning to say where they are going and give the time.</p>