



NEWSLETTER

Year Four

Summer Term

English

This term the children will be studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, including recounts and information texts. We will be reinforcing the use of a range of common punctuation marks, including commas for clauses. Children will be encouraged to use a variety of connectives, vary their sentence structures and openings to achieve more complex sentence construction.



Science

We will start the term by completing our Electricity unit. The main topic for this term is Living Things and their habitats. We will be grouping and classifying organisms, and considering environmental changes that affect them. We will identify local habitats and name organisms that live there. We will find out about the food sources of these animals, distinguishing between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. To support this unit, we will go on a pond dipping trip to the Stockyards at Bushy Park.



Maths

In the summer term we will continue to develop the use of standard and informal written methods for multiplication and division, as well as securing formal methods for addition and subtraction. We will also revisit and extend our understanding of other areas including: measures, shape and space, properties of polygons, properties of numbers, line graphs, fractions and decimals, angles, money and time. There will be a focus on applying our mathematical skills to solve problems.



History

The history topic this term is the Mayans. The children will gain knowledge of who the Mayans were, where they lived, and investigating amongst other things their gods, architecture and lifestyle.



PE Kits

P.E. kits will be needed in school every day. Children require a pair of trainers. Your child may not be allowed to participate in P.E. lessons without a full kit, including shoes.

Lesson Equipment

All children should come to school with a pencil case and the necessary equipment for the day.

This should include: pencil, sharpener, eraser, glue stick and a few colouring pencils.

We would appreciate any donations of tissues and glue sticks.

Religious Education & PSHE

In Christianity we will be focusing on Holy Communion and how it is celebrated in church. We will also be learning about what it means to be a Jew where we explore their beliefs and practices. Later we will be exploring our emotions and how to build good relationships.



PE

This term 4P and 4T will be commencing their swimming lessons on a Thursday and 4HN will be developing their Tennis skills. In addition to this, we will be taking part in athletics based activities and striking and fielding games. As the weather starts to heat up, it may be appropriate to also provide a sun hat and put sun cream on before school.



Art & Design

This term our Art topic is called *Take a Seat*. We will be looking at contemporary building and furniture design. The children will create 2D and 3D chair prototype/models and then will upcycle a piece of furniture. Please let us know if you have any unwanted small items of furniture which you could donate to the class to be upcycled!



Music

We are lucky to have Richmond Music Trust joining us to teach the children the clarinet.



French

We will be consolidating previous work along with learning new vocabulary for a number of new topics including animals, telling the time, describing the weather and clothes.

Home learning

There will be a range of English and Maths home learning tasks related to the week's work. We will continue to set the children Abacus online activities some weeks so please encourage your children to play any outstanding games. The children will also be set a new spelling investigation each week. Reading a variety of texts is important for children of all abilities and we would appreciate it if you would continue to encourage home reading and discussion of books to ensure good comprehension skills. Please also ensure the children are continuing to learn and revise their times tables each week.



Many thanks

Mr Taylor, Mrs Hamblett, Mrs Novak and Mr Pierson.

Dates

4HN Class Assembly - 3rd May

4HN and 4TPond Dipping Trip - 3rd June

4P Pond Dipping Trip - 10th June