



Summer 1

KEY DATES:

4G / 4F Trip to Southwark Cathedral: Tuesday 26th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May

Year 4 Assembly: Friday 13th May

Class Photographs: Thursday 19th May / Friday 20th May

International Evening: Thursday 26th May (4pm-6:30pm)

Last Day of Term: Friday 27th May

Start of Summer 2: Tuesday 7th June

We hope that you all had a restful break. The children have returned to school after Easter full of energy and enthusiasm, and we look forward to a busy but exciting final term in Year 4.

We are delighted to welcome Nicola Finch into 4A this term; she will be completing her final PGCE placement at Fairlawn and will be with the class until July.

NEW TOPIC - Japan

This half term's topic is Japan where we will be exploring Japanese culture, geography, history, language and food. Over the next few weeks, we will also be learning about Japanese artists such as Hokusai and using this as inspiration for our own artwork.

MATHS

Number - fractions

- Unit and non-unit fractions, equivalence, adding and subtracting, fractions greater than one.

Number - decimals

- Recognise and represent tenths and hundredths, exploring dividing by 10 and 100

Measure - money

- Developing understanding of pounds and pence,

ENGLISH

This half term, we will be finishing our persuasive letters, which encourage Colgate to remove all plastics from their toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes. We will then move onto the exciting topic of poetry where we will explore a variety of figurative language techniques, and learn how to write our own haikus and kennings.

Year 4 Learning Letter

READING

We will be continuing our whole class model of teaching reading this term, focusing on our new novel, *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. We continue to encourage the children to read for pleasure every day.

SCIENCE

This half-term, we will be learning about 'dangers to living things. This will involve looking at how the impact of a changing environment can affect habitats and ecosystems.

PHONICS/SPELLING

Our first spelling focus this half term is words that have the suffix '-cian', e.g. magician and optician. Spellings will be taught and practised in class over a two-week block before being tested in class on the 2nd Friday. Lists of the spellings can be found in Google Classroom, and in the children's spelling books and Spelling Shed accounts.

HOME LEARNING

TTrockstars - 10 minutes practise every day.

Spelling Shed - 5 minutes practise every day.

Maths Home Learning - given out on Fridays, return on Wednesdays.

English Home Learning - published in Google Classroom on Fridays, to be submitted by the following Friday (fortnightly).

GENERAL REMINDERS

Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on their PE days and has suitable footwear for the Mega Mile. Golden Garden time will also continue throughout the summer term.

If you need to get in touch with us, please drop us an email during working hours: 8am - 6pm: Mon - Fri

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