

Autumn 1 - 2022

Dear Year 4 Parents / Carers,

It has been wonderful to have the children back in school this week; they have all started Year 4 with such energy and enthusiasm for the year ahead.

Please remember that we start the school day at 8:45am and they should enter via the main gate. Our school day finishes at 3:20pm. Please wait for your child in the lower playground.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Year 4 'Meet the Teacher' - Wednesday 14th September at 4pm via Zoom (details to be sent out in a separate email) - Please do try to join this meeting as we will be sharing a lot more information with you then, including details around home learning.

Mon 12th September - Play Day

Wed 14th September - First session of Outdoor Learning

Thurs 15th September - World Afro Day

Mon 10th October - Mental Health Day

Fri 21st October - Show racism the red card (wear red)

NEW TOPIC - Tales of the Thames

This term, we will be using the Thames as our main theme, looking at the ways in which it has shaped London, and learning about how and why rivers are important to cities. We will explore the wildlife around our local rivers and locate rivers around the world. We will look at how rivers and journeys have affected the city we live in today.

ENGLISH

We will be reading stories linked to our topic Tales of the Thames and focusing on adventure writing. Journeys on and around rivers are central to many great stories and we will use a wide variety of stories and picture books to create our own adventure stories. We will learn how to use 'show not tell' sentences to create more detailed and interesting characters.

MATHS

Number - place value

- Counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000.
- Finding 1000 more or less than a given number.
- Counting backwards through zero to include negative numbers.
- Recognising the place value of each digit in a 4-digit number.
- Ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000.
- Rounding 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000.

SCIENCE

This half-term, we will explore the topic 'States of Matter'. Children will learn to compare and group materials as solids, liquids or gases and observe how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. We will also identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

ART

This term, the children will be using a variety of drawing and painting techniques to create self-portraits and cityscapes.

ORACY

This year, Oracy will take place termly. More information to follow later on in the term.

READING

In our class reading sessions, we will be studying the text: Iron Man. We will also be encouraging the children to read for pleasure every day.

SPELLING

Spellings will continue to be taught across a two-week cycle. In the first week, the children will be introduced to the set of spellings. In the second week, they will practise those spellings in school and at home before being tested at the end of the week. All spellings will be shared in Google Classrooms.

OUTDOOR PE

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit every **TUESDAY**.

INDOOR PE

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on the following days: **Mondays (4G), Fridays (4A)**.

MEGA MILE

At Fairlawn, we continue to promote the importance of leading active and healthy lives. Each week, the children will complete the Mega Mile twice. Please ensure that they have suitable footwear on their designated days.

Follow us on Twitter: **4A - @MrTeachAldridge**
4G - @MissGoulder4

If you need to get in touch with us, please do so during school hours only: 8.00am - 6pm (Mon - Fri) and we will respond as soon as we can.

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We look forward to an enjoyable half term with the children.

The Year 4 team