

Year 4 Learning Letter

Autumn 1



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Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 13th September - Year 4 Meet the teacher at 4pm (on Zoom)

Friday 15th September - World Afro Day

Monday 18th September - Play Day

Tuesday 10th October - Mental Health Day

Monday 16th October - Parents' Evening (4-7pm)

Wednesday 18th October - Parents' Evening (4-7pm)

Friday 20th October - Show racism the red card (wear red)

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.

Routines:

Outdoor Learning will be at Fairlawn on these dates:

4GR - Monday 18th September and Monday 9th October

4R - Monday 11th September and Monday 2nd October Please contact us via email if you can accompany the classes on either of these dates.

Outdoor PE - Wednesday (4GR), Thursdays (4R)

Indoor PE - Thursday (4GR), Wednesday (4R)

Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on their days: white polo shirt; black/navy jogging bottoms or shorts, and trainers.

Home Learning:

Maths: Sent home on Fridays - due in on the following Wednesday. Your child should continue to practise their times tables every day.

Spellings: This half-term's spelling tests will take place on the following Fridays:

22nd September, 6th October, 20th October

Our Learning Journey: '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:

Reading and Spelling:

In Reading, we will be starting our new novel, 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We continue to encourage the children to read for pleasure every day.

Our spellings focus this half term is on prefixes and they will 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. Lists of the spellings can be found in the children's spelling books.

Writing:

This half term, we will be using a new scheme for writing: 'The Write Stuff'. In our first unit, the children will use short film 'Feast' as a stimulus for their own writing.

Maths:

- **Column addition and subtraction** - Using columns to add and subtract numbers up to 3-digits with exchanges.
- **Numbers to 10,000** - Using knowledge of 1,000 to solve problems, using strategies to add and subtract multiples of 100, compare and order 4-digit numbers,
- **Place Value** - Using strategies to make solving calculations more efficient, rounding 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Science:

This half-term, we will explore the topic of "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.

Oracy:

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

Other Curriculum Areas:

For more information, head to the 'teaching and learning' part of our school's website:

<https://www.fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk/>

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 seeing you all at our Meet the teacher event on Wednesday 13th September!