

**Year 4 Newsletter**  
**Spring Term 2 2020**

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half term break. We hope you were able to get some well-earned rest and recharge the batteries for the rest of the Spring Term. We hope you find the following information about our main areas of learning helpful.

**Curriculum overview for this half term (please refer to the topic web for further details)**

<b>Topic: Britain Then and Now</b>	
We will be continuing with this topic with <b>History</b> as a lead subject. Our main learning links to other subjects will be made through the wider concepts of: <b>Friendship, Fairness, Power and Innovation.</b>	
Subject	Main Learning
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Poetry by Joseph Coelho</li><li>• Creating own poems</li><li>• Figurative language</li><li>• Punctuation for direct speech</li><li>• Determiners – A, An, The</li><li>• Verb tenses</li></ul>
Spelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 3/4 word list</li><li>• Spelling rules – Year 4 National Curriculum</li></ul>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decimals</li><li>• Fractions</li></ul>
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Electricity</li><li>• States of Matter</li></ul>
Humanities and other foundation subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History: Britain Then and Now – a comparative study between the Victorian Era and modern times</li><li>• RE: Jesus' early life and teachings.</li><li>• DT: Making Victorian Toys</li><li>• Art: Take One Picture (The Battle of San Romano)</li></ul>
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seasons and weather – please see knowledge organiser on website.</li></ul>

**Learning this Half-Term**

As part of our topic study, Year 4 will be visiting Gunnersbury Park Museum to take part in two workshops designed to further the children's understanding about education and domestic work in Victorian Times. The trips will take place on the week beginning Monday, 16th March with Class 4A visiting on Monday, Class 4B on Tuesday and Class 4C on Wednesday. We will require some parents to accompany the children. Further detailed information will be sent home soon. Please let your Class Rep know if you are available to help. British Science week (9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March) will also provide the opportunity to think about 'Our Diverse Planet'.

### **Sharing our Learning with Parents**

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at the end of the school day to see the work based on Take One Picture.

### **Tate Britain Trip**

As you will remember last year the children were photographed for the Steve McQueen Year 3 exhibition. We will be taking the children to view their class portraits on the morning of Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March (4C) and Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March (4A and 4B)

### **Year 4 Book Corners**

Many thanks to all those parents who have sent in books to enrich the literature available in the Year 4 classroom book corners. The children are enjoying the new books. If you have any children's books at home that you no longer need, please do send them in as all donations are gratefully received.

### **Equipment for lessons**

Please ensure that your child is fully equipped each day for school, including bringing in a handwriting pen, pencil, water bottle and full PE kit including suitable footwear

### **Healthy School**

Please remember that your child should have a **healthy snack** that conforms to the school policy of **no nuts**. Also, as an alternative to sending in sweets to celebrate your child's birthday, please consider sending in a book from our reading list with a Happy Birthday greeting in the book from your child to the class.

We appreciate the discussions you are having with your children about the importance of good hygiene and handwashing. We will continue to reinforce this at school. Donations of boxes of tissues are always gratefully received and it would be helpful if the children have their own pocket packs.

**Finally...** it was fantastic to see so many of the children "wearing" their books to school today. Happy World Book Day!

We appreciate the support and encouragement you give to your child and hope that this information helps you to be involved in his or her learning. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Dumont, Mrs Howson, Mr Lowe and Miss Ringrow**