



Year 4: Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following an exciting Autumn Term, learning the ancient secrets of Mesopotamia, escaping and painting Mount Vesuvius, exploring sound, making puppets and pizza, we are ready to launch into the Spring Term. This term, our overarching topic will be 'Invasions'. In English, we will be looking at a selection of tales, telling of the invasions of mythical beasts and dragons. We will be welcoming in The Dragon Drama Company, who promise to inject some performance and storytelling skills into our learning. In Humanities, we will be researching the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain, as the Romans are recalled to Rome. We are looking forward to a visit to Chislehurst Caves, where we will be undertaking a Saxon Tour of the tunnels.

We enjoy a broad curriculum in Year 4, with our foundation subjects supporting our key themes. Following our amazing visit to the Sikh Gurdwara in Year 3, in RE we are looking forward to a visit to the Hindu Iskcon London Radha-Krishna Temple in Soho.

Supporting your child's learning

Reading

Please ensure that your child has their reading book and record with them in school **every day**. Children may choose a book from our collection, the reading passports or one from home.

We expect children to be reading at home for approximately **20 minutes per night**, this should be recorded in their reading records (they can write comments, or you can).

Please use these ideas to support your child when reading their books with you at home.

- Encourage your child to discuss what they have read and seen in books.
- Ask questions about what has happened / how the character may feel.
- Discuss with your child the author's choice of words and description.

Maths

- Look for and discuss patterns and similarities in times tables – children should know the majority of their times tables to ten by this point. Songs are a great way to practice.
- Seek opportunities to use applied mathematics: converting recipe ingredients, calculating change in shops or calculating journey times.



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PE & Outdoor Learning

It is vital that children have their school PE kit (including trainers) in school (in a draw-string bag) with them each week—we suggest that they bring it in on Monday and take it home on Friday, as often PE lessons may be moved to accommodate other activities.

Tuesday – Tag Rugby

Wednesday– Dance

We will also be visiting the school garden on **Wednesday**, so please ensure that your child has suitable footwear (different to their school shoes).

Trips and Visits

As always, we have some exciting trips planned for this term. Please contact the office to let them know which trips you can help with.

- Dragon Drama Workshop – Wednesday 8th January
- Hindu Temple – Wednesday 5th February (Satin) & Wednesday 12th February (Tafetta)
- Allyn's Art Mentors – Wednesday 4th March
- Chislehurst Caves – Wednesday 11th March

Reminders

- Ensure that you are checking class dojo for updates and reminders.
- Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE Kits, are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.
- Please ensure your child has their hair tied back and that they are not wearing jewellery (beyond simple stud earrings-- if required).
- Your child **must** have a waterproof jacket in school: we will be going out to play rain or shine!
- Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school.

Kind regards,

The Year 4 Team

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