

Year 4 Parent Information



Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

General Information:

Please ensure your child's uniform and PE kit are **clearly named**. Children should have a PE kit in school.

Children will sit their National Multiplication Check between the 5th and 23rd June 2023 and we strongly encourage them to learn their tables. Please ensure no holidays are booked during these weeks. On Tuesday 20th September we will have a trip to Wat Tyler Park.

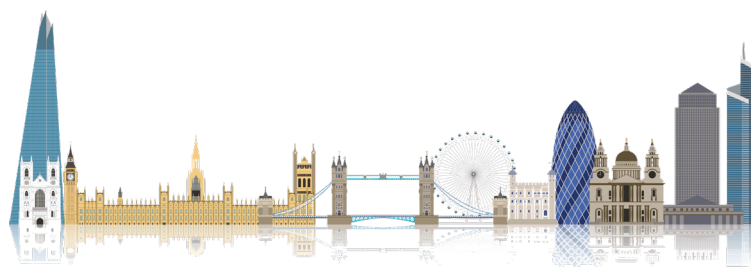
PE:

PE kit should consist of a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Children may also wear a black tracksuit. On your child's PE day, please ensure that earrings are removed for Health and Safety reasons or the children have tape in school. PE for each class will be on a Tuesday, children can come to school in PE kit on this day, and swimming will be on alternate Wednesdays for each class beginning on 21st September until 30th November. Weeks where we are not swimming, children will have a PE lesson and can use their PE kit in school.

Homework:

- Reading - This needs to be done daily for fifteen to twenty minutes and recorded in the reading diaries.
- Times tables - These should be practiced on a daily basis using Times Table Rockstars for a minimum of thirty minutes a week.
- Maths - A weekly task will be set via Maths Shed. Work will be set on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Friday.
- English - A task will be set on Reading Eggspress on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday.
- Spellings - A spelling activity and words to learn can be accessed on a Friday via Spelling Shed. Spellings should be learnt for the test the following Friday. Paper copies for spellings will also be stuck into reading records.

We are encouraging the children to become more independent by following the 5Rs of Readiness, Resilience, Resourcefulness, Responsibility and Reflectiveness, so please remind your child that it is their responsibility to submit their homework and hand in their reading records on time. There is a homework club on Friday Lunch Time should your child be unable to complete the tasks set at home.



Below are details of what your child will be learning in school during this term.

During the first half term our Topic is: Why is the Thames so important?	
English This half term we will be looking at suspense and building it into narrative. Also, we will write a set of instructions.	Maths We will be looking at place value, numbers to 10,000, adding and subtracting four-digit numbers.
History We will learn about the historical significance and uses of the Thames.	Geography We will be investigating rivers and their features.
Design and Technology We will construct bridges and learn about different joining techniques.	PSHE We are learning to recognise our own strengths, skills and interests.
P.E. We will be investigating the long and short term effects of fitness and swimming.	Music We will be investigating the piece of music 'Fantasia' and looking at Bach, Stravinsky Beethoven, Dukas and Mussorgsky
Computing We will be studying how to stay safe online, as well as creating some simple animations on Purple Mash.	R.E. We will be investigating why Jesus is an inspiration to others.
MFL We will be looking at places in the town and how to give directions.	
During the second half term our Topic is: How does sound and electricity travel?	
English This half term we will be writing a Science Fiction story and looking at poetry.	Maths We will be looking at multiplication and division facts, multiplying 3 numbers and calculating the area of shapes.
Science We will be learning about how sound is made and travels, plus how we hear. We will also make electrical circuits and learn about the components.	PSHE We will be looking at how best to manage our emotions.
Design and Technology We will be applying circuits to our bridges.	Music We will be finding out about Mozart and learning about, 'The Magic Flute.'
P.E. We will be developing coordination through dance. Swimming will continue.	R.E. We will continue learning about Jesus as an inspiration to others with a closer look at Holy Week and its significance to Christians.
Computing We will learn the basics of using spreadsheets.	MFL We will be learning to say where we are going and give the time.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this overview or have any other concerns about your child, do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Mr E Clarke, Mrs S Tatnell, Miss D Tanner