

Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you had a good holiday and are well rested.

Curriculum

This half term, our topic is about World War 2 in Plumstead. The main focus of the learning in this topic is how the war affected the lives of people in Plumstead and the impact it has on our lives today. We will be visiting the Greenwich Heritage Centre to enhance the children's learning. Our topic for next half term is Longitude and latitude, where the children will be using the full range of geographical skills.

In science, we will be exploring the production of lights, sounds and movement by making simple electrical circuits using cells, wires, bulbs and motors.

In literacy we will be using core texts as a starting point for the children's writing, which will be linked to our topic work.

In maths, the children will continue to use Inspire - a maths scheme based on the Singapore approach. It is still important that you continue to practice mental recall of times tables and number facts in order for your children to become more fluent and confident in maths.

Reading

We would like to remind you that all children need a reading folder so that they can bring a reading book home each evening. These can be purchased from the school office. Children should read daily and make a **brief comment** about what they have read in their Reading Records, which we check weekly.

P.E

For indoor PE, your child needs a **plain white T shirt and blue or black well-fitting shorts**, leotard or leggings. These are to be brought to school in a small kit bag every Monday and taken every half term to be washed. **All clothing needs to be clearly marked with your child's name.** As it gets colder, children will also need joggers, a sweat shirt and trainers/plimsolls for outdoor games. This year, Year 4 will be swimming as a part of their PE. **Faraday Class** will have outdoor PE on Wednesday and indoor PE on Monday. **Edison Class** will have outdoor PE and swimming on Wednesday. Children who are swimming will need to purchase a swimming hat (£1.00) from the school office.

Home learning

The children will be set homework each week on a Friday and it needs to be handed in on the following Thursday. There will be a literacy based home learning activity and when appropriate a maths home learning activity. Spellings will be set weekly please support your child in learning the spelling rules and patterns.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to speak with us.

With thanks for your continuing support,

Marjorie Delahaye and Sara Hope