

General Information and Reminders

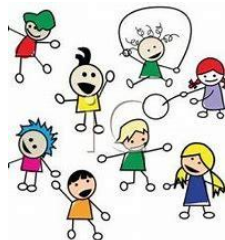
PE

PE will take place on Mondays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day:

- blue shorts/tracksuit trousers
- a grey t shirt
- plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside and the Heath

Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE in Year 4 is taught by Mr Spadaccini. The children will also be going to Hampstead Heath on **Thursdays** with Year 3. This is a reasonable walk from school so please ensure that children do have tracksuit trousers, trainers and waterproof coats.



Trips/Virtual Visits

Wednesday 29th September- Stone Age Survival on Hampstead Heath
Wednesday 3rd November- St Alban's Cathedral, Land of the Monks trail
Tuesday 30th November- Museum of Brands

Homework

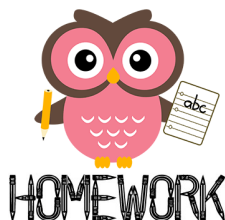
Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings and mental maths will be sent home on *Thursday* and tested on *Wednesday*.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term.

In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings and mental maths.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set that is fine. We all work at different levels, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 5th November. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

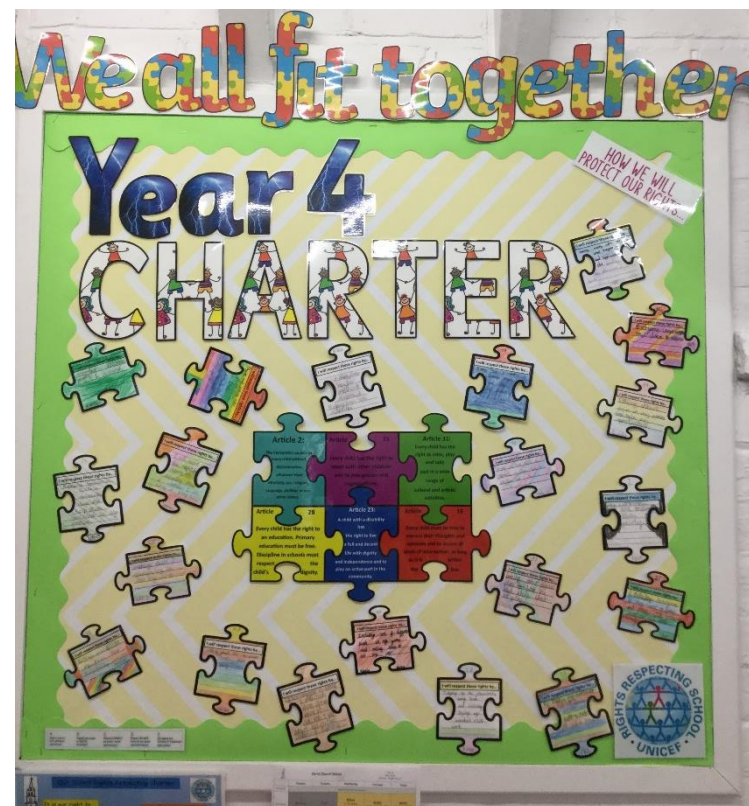
Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and write a note on his/her return.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.**



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Welcome to Year 4

Autumn Term 2021



Year Four

Class Teacher: Miss Brenta

Support Staff: Miss Foster and Miss Jess

Other adults working with Y4: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Oliver (Music) and Miss Pugalia (French)

Welcome to Year 4 and to a new and exciting school year.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer. This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term. All the staff in Year 4 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or concerns, or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to discuss these with me.

Kind regards,

Miss Lauren Brenta

Happiness Project

Throughout the autumn term, we will be running our whole school Happiness Project.

We have been running our Happiness Project successfully for a number of years in different formats but this year we intend to cover the weekly themes in more detail. Some of the themes (which all aim to promote positive mental health and wellbeing) you will hear your child talking about are: giving, celebrating difference, resilience, simplicity and trying something new. We are also going to link our Autumn Christ Church Arts Project (CAP) to these themes, so keep an eye out for our amazing art work and our eagerly anticipated calendar!

English



English will be taught through the genres of newspapers and letters, as well as syllabic poetry. We will work on a range of spelling, punctuation, grammar and reading skills. Many of our lessons this half term will focus on the book 'Lights on Cotton Rock' by David Litchfield.

Maths



We will be covering a range of topics:

- Place Value and Number
- Shape and Data
- Adding and Subtracting
- Fractions

We will have a weekly times table test and there will also be some arithmetic and mental maths tests.

Computing



We will be building our coding skills by using Rodocodo this term. We will learn about internet safety through opportunities to carry out research and use different programs to publish some of our work.

RE



This term we will be discussing "Who is Jesus". We will look at passages from the Bible and statements made by Jesus and learn about what these mean to Christians and how they live their lives. We will think about some of the different ways Jesus describes himself: as the light of the world, bread, the good shepherd and a vine. We will then move on to look at the Beatitudes which Jesus taught during the Sermon on the Mount. Finally, our learning at Christmas time will focus on the message of peace at Christmas.

History



In the first half of this term we will be learning about Prehistory. We will be looking at how people lived in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and comparing it to our lives now. We will continue our journey through time by looking at the Romans and the Roman Empire. We will learn about life in Roman cities in Britain such as Bath.

Geography



Geography this term will look at the continents and we will practise our atlas skills by searching for the countries of Europe. We are then going on to study climate zones and biomes and find out how these can create certain weather patterns. We will also look at earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes and why they occur.

PSHE



Our PSHE topics match well with our Happiness Project, this means we will have two PSHE weeks. The first will take place week commencing 8th November 2021, focusing on positive relationships. In year 4 we will be learning about appropriate physical contact and building healthy relationships. Our second will be the week after focusing on diversity and we will be learning about prejudice and how we can respond to discrimination.

PE



In PE lessons with Mr Spadaccini, Year 4 will be focusing on Health and Fitness. Children will set realistic targets of times and distances to achieve and identify elements of their own performances that could be improved, as well as giving constructive feedback to their peers.

Music



As musicians it is vital that we can establish a steady pulse and use that as a foundation to play a variety of exciting rhythms to different tempos. This term we will be applying these musical principles to compose and perform STOMP inspired body percussion pieces. We will also continue with our recorder lessons with Miss Robertson.

Art



We will create our own cave paintings using Modroc, inspired by the cave paintings in Lascaux, France. We will also be making volcanoes in Geography, using Papier-mâché, as well as creating art work for our school Art Exhibition, taking inspiration from famous artists.

Design Technology

We will be focusing on shell structures and designing, creating and evaluating packaging for biscuits as a Christmas gift. We will consider how we can strengthen our packaging in different ways.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!