



Our Year 4 Classroom News

Spring Term Information

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Welcome

Thank you for all your support this term and we are so proud of all the hard work the children have done. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break, and the children return in January refreshed and raring to go for our new term and an exciting new topic!

We will kick-start Year 4 with our Spring term topic called **Home Is Where the Heart Is** where we will be exploring the theme of home and the landscape of our famous city, London. Have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year! Miss Walker, Miss Hookey and Mr Sparks and the team

Our Topic

Over the course of the Spring term, we will explore these exciting learning questions:

- Why is London our Capital City?
- Why do people live in London?
- Can you light up London?
- How has the population of London grown over the past 100 years?
- What are the main advantages and disadvantages to living in London?
- What are the main advantages and disadvantages to living in a village?
- How has our environment changed to pose a danger on living things?



In English, we will be writing to entertain our readers through character descriptions, setting descriptions and narrative. We will be using drama throughout the term to support our writing.

In Maths, we will be focusing on multiplication and division and their related facts. We will also learn how to calculate area, then spend some time working with fractions. We will be regularly applying our problem solving and reasoning skills too.

In Science, we will be exploring Living things and their Habitats - identifying and classifying plants, vertebrates and invertebrates. After half term we will be learning about electricity and materials, which make good conductors or insulators.

Things to Remember

PE:

Year 4 PE days are on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They will their outdoor kit on a Wednesday and an indoor PE kit on a Tuesday.

Please note: On Wednesdays, please can you wear your P.E. kit into school and bring your uniform with you to change into.

Homework:

- **Reading Journals** – You **must** read everyday for twenty minutes and also complete one reading journal entry per week. This needs to be completed and handed in by Tuesday each week.
- Every week the children will complete a **times table task** in their workbooks.
- **Topic** – Design a project linked to our topic. You may choose any element of our famous London landmarks that interests you to focus on. Speak to us if you need some ideas or suggestions.

Important Dates

7 th Jan	Children back to school
11 th Jan	Launch Day
16 th and 17 th Jan	Parents Evenings
29 th Jan	Knightsbridge Class Assembly
5 th Feb	Trip to London
18 th – 22 nd Feb	Half Term

7 th March	World Book Day
11 th – 14 th March	Marchants Hill
15 th March	Comic Relief
1 st April	Knightsbridge Samba Assembly