



# 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 2020 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 Maynard, Miss Bentley and the team.

### Our Topic

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

- What does 'home' mean?
- Why is London our Capital City?
- Why do people live in 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 which materials make good conductors or insulators.

### Things to Remember

#### PE:

Year 4 PE days are on Monday and Thursdays. They will 'need their indoor kit on a Monday and an outdoor PE kit on a Thursday.

*Please note:* On Thursdays, 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 day try to complete a **times table task** in your workbooks.
- **Topic** – With the topic being Home is Where the Heart Is, you will design and make your own special place where you would enjoy spending your time. Please see the Topic Project newsletter to follow.

**Parent Drop ins:** 8:40 – 9:00 am on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### Important Dates

6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children back to school
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Launch Day – no costume required
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Local Walk - Geography
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Museum of London Visit Our River Our Docklands
28/9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Provisional dates for London Walk
12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Conferences
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day before half term

5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Angel Class Assembly @ 9am
18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> March	Windmill Hill
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school Charity Run Cancer Research
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last Day of Term