

Year 4 - Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Year Four! This year we have Miss Smith and Ms Saunders in 4MS and in 4JD we have Mr Davies, Ms Alaka and Ms Pressley. We are very excited to begin the new year together! Please come and say hello when you see us in the playground.

Learning

This half term all of our learning will be based on London. Not only are we working hard to develop the children's English and maths skills we will be learning the following:

Computing – we will be planning, designing and creating our own websites to promote visitors to London.

Geography – we will be learning about the United Kingdom with a focus on London. We will be critically evaluating how tourists impact London and we will be discussing the positive and negative impacts of tourism.

Science – we will be investigating states of matter. This will involve experiments with solids, liquids and gases and examining the processes of evaporation and condensation.

Book Bags

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school every day so that they can change their books and bring letters and work home. Each child will be given a Home Learning Book and a reading log. Please fill in the details of any books they read so they can collect lots of house points! Reading logs must be returned to school daily.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone that has made sure their child has started

this school year looking very smart and following our school's uniform expectations. Please make sure your child wears their uniform every day. As well as this, make sure all of your child's uniform has their **name** clearly on one of the labels. This is so that we can find any items that have been misplaced.

P.E. Kits


4JD's PE day is **Tuesday** and 4MS's PE day's is **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please make sure your child brings their kit to school every Monday to ensure it is available for Tuesday morning and afternoons. We will sometimes do PE on different days, so it is important for your child's PE kit to be in school at all times. Please make sure that all included items have your **child's name on the labels**. Included items are: navy shorts/jogging bottoms, a plain white t-shirt and a change of suitable shoes.

Homework

In Year 4, the children will receive one piece of English and one piece of maths homework each **Friday**. Maths homework will be set via MyMaths Homework is to be **returned by the following Wednesday**. Please take the time to help your child to complete the homework as much as possible. The homework is set to support the work they are doing within class. The children will also have a weekly spelling and times tables test.

In addition to our weekly home work, each half term a project will also be set. Our topic homework for this half term is for the children to create a fact file on their favourite London landmark. Presentation is up to you!

The Tower of London



The first part of the Tower of London was built by William the Conqueror in 1078 but what we now call the Tower is actually a collection of several different buildings.

The Tower of London has been used for many things since it was first built. Hundreds of years ago it was most famous as a prison where some prisoners were even tortured or killed! Now it is just as famous as the home of the crown jewels which have been kept there since the year 1303.

Did you know?
The full name of the Tower of London is actually **Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress**.

Locked up!
The most famous people to be locked up in the Tower of London were Queen Elizabeth I and Guy Fawkes.

Ghosts!
Many people say that the Tower is the most haunted building in England. The most famous ghost is said to be Anne Boleyn. She was married to King Henry VIII but in 1536 he had her head chopped off!

This was traitor's gate. Many prisoners of the tower were brought there by boat.

This work will be **due in on the week beginning the 15th October 2018**.

Important Dates

12th September- KS2 Meet the Teacher at 3:45 pm

14th September – 4JD Class assembly

19th October - End of first half term

29th October – Children back to school

Trip dates will be provided as soon as they are confirmed.

Coming Up:

14th and 15th of November will be our parents evening.

30th November – 4MS Class assembly