

Year 4 – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Year Four! In class 4EA is Miss Akintoye, Mrs Mills, Miss Saunders and Ms Francis and in class 4JM is Mrs McQueen, Mrs Abraham and Miss Owen. 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. As well as working hard to develop the children's English and maths skills we will be learning the following:

Computing – we will be learning how to program our own websites to provide the users information on visiting London.

Geography – we will be learning about the United Kingdom as well as focusing on London. We will be critically evaluating how tourists impact London and we will be discussing the positive and negative impact of tourism.

Science – we will be learning about states of matter. This will involve us experimenting on solids, liquids and gases as well as 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 please fill in the details of any books they read so they can collect lots of house points!

Uniform

Thank you everyone that has made sure your child has started the 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


P.E. days are on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. Please make sure your child brings their kit to school every Monday morning and all included items **have their name on the labels**. Please make sure their kit contains 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 to be returned by the following Thursday. This work will be in a homework book which the next piece will be put into. Please take the time to help your child to complete the homework as it 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 homework, 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. This can be presented in any way you like.

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.

Ghost!
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 17th October 2016.

Dates for your diary

7th September- First day of school

14th September- Parents to meet new teachers in **KS2**

14th October- 4EA Class Assembly

Week Beginning 17th October- Creative homework due in.

21st October- Last day of half term

31st October - First day of new half term