

## Important Events



19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Start of the new half term

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 – Trip to the Science Museum

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 – World Book Day school event.

29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – End of Spring 2.

## Homework

English and Maths homework will be sent out **every FRIDAY**. Children should bring their completed homework in on **WEDNESDAY**.

Spellings will be sent out on **MONDAY** and tested on **FRIDAY**. Home readers need to be completed daily and signed weekly by a Parent/Carer. These will be checked every **TUESDAY**.

We have recently started using a new Maths online homework website called **MyMaths**. Each child will be set homework on the website to be completed weekly.

## PE

This term the children will be going swimming and playing cricket.

Children must bring their complete swimming kit every **TUESDAY** and bring their complete PE kit in on **MONDAY** to be taken home on **FRIDAY**.



## Year Four Spring 2 Term Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had an excellent half term and can't wait for the new learning opportunities in Year 4! We hope you all had a restful holiday and are ready to explore our new topics.

We will be learning about maps by developing our map reading skills in Geography. We will be using compasses and maps to navigate to Alexandra Palace. In Science, we will be learning all about sounds, including pitch and volume, and the way sounds travel in solids, liquids and gases.

Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the other side of this sheet.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, do not hesitate to speak to us before or after the school day.

We look forward to working with you and your child.  
Mr Croall, Miss Corrales, Miss Farhana and Miss Sterling

As writers, we will be writing informal letters to our friends and families about our upcoming trip to the Science Museum. Additionally, we will be writing newspaper reports based on our trip to Alexandra Palace during which we will be using compasses to navigate. **What are the key features of informal letters?**

As Mathematicians, we will be focusing on fractions and decimals. We will be adding and subtracting fractions, working out unit fractions of shapes, lengths and sets of numbers, and recognising and writing decimal equivalents. **What is  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a bar of chocolate made of 40 pieces?**

As Scientists, we will be learning about how sounds are made, recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear and find patterns between the pitch and volume.

**Can you sort instruments according to how the sounds are made (plucking, blowing, striking)? What sounds do they make?**

## PSHE & RE

This half term RE, we will be learning about Islam.

**What are the 5 pillars of Islam?**

## English

Informal letters, newspaper reports.

## Maths

Graphs, Fractions and Decimals

## Science

Sound

## ICT

We will be coding using Purple Mash.

## Humanities

Mapping our area.

**Physical Development**  
Swimming and cricket.

**Art and DT**  
Viking longboats

In Design and Technology this term, we will be using our knowledge from our Vikings topic to make our own Viking longboats. **How will you make sure that your Viking longboat can float in water?**

As athletes, we will be practising our swimming and cricket skills. We are very excited to be exploring two new sports in Year 4. **How many different types of swimming stroke can you name?**

As Geographers, we will be developing our map reading skills whilst becoming more familiar with our nearby area. We will look at a variety of maps to help us to understand our local landscape. We will also practise using compasses to help us to understand directions. **How many different compass points can you identify?**

