

# **Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter 2024**

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# **Happy New Year**

### **Reminders:**

#### **Lunch Arrangements**

All pupils are entitled to universal free school meals. If you need to change your child's lunch arrangements eg. school dinners to packed lunch, please give <u>2 week's notice</u> to Mrs Vekaria in the school office.

#### Be on time for school

Please be on time for the start of the school day at 08:45. <u>Uniform & Equipment</u>

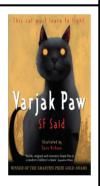
Please help us by labelling your child's clothes. We have many lost jumpers with no names in them. PE kits should stay in school for each half term. Swimming for Year 4 is this first half term ending 9th February.

#### **School Planners:**

Please make sure your child has his or her planner at school each day. You can use the planner to communicate with your child's teacher.

**English** This term in Literacy we will be studying the book called *Varjak Paw*. There will be a big focus on descriptive writing and using a variety of other writing techniques.

The children will also be producing a 'LOST' poster to help find a lost cat. Our unit about *Dragons* will allow us to imagine how we can look after an imaginary dragon.



## **Science**

We aim to make Science a practical subject. We will be experimenting to find out about the properties of the three different states of matter - solid, liquid & gas and using a thermometer. We will also look at the topic of Sound, finding out how sounds are made and heard.

# Wider curriculum

**PE:** Swimming/ Netball / Movement to Music

**RE:** Christianity

**Art/DT:** Painting and printing - looking at the art of Georgia O'Keeffe and William Morris

Music: Using 'Bambu Tambu', Body Percussion, singing

and recorders

**Computing:** Data Logging and Programming to create

repetition in Shapes

**Spanish**: Vocabulary about Family, Family Members, Face and Body parts.

# **Key Dates:**

**1st February**: Parents consultations **8th February**: Parents consultations.

Friday 9th February: Break up for half term

Thursday 28th March: Break up for Easter holidays.

Return to school: Monday 15th April

# **Trips:**

Hyde Park Trip for Year 4 classes:

Cost is £9.00 for each child.

Please feel free to start making this payment ASAP. Letters regarding the trip will be going out at a later date.

Booked for: Thur 21 March 2024 & Fri 22 March 2024

**Banish the Bugs!** Even though Spring is setting in, the weather is still very cold. We want to ensure we all keep well so please discuss with your child the importance of

regular hand washing with hot water and soap. You should wash your hands for the amount of time it takes to sing

"Happy Birthday" twice (around 20 seconds).

# Maths

Our main focus areas this term will be for the children to have a secure recall of times tables with corresponding division facts. Other maths topics will include *Area and Perimeter*, *Fractions of shapes and numbers*, and *Decimals* including tenths and hundredths.

# Geography

We will again be teaching Geography as a themed week. Our focus this time is on climate zones across the world and making sure children have a sound knowledge of Continents and Oceans. Have fun with this game with your children to help with knowledge of the world <a href="https://world-geography-games.com">http://world-geography-games.com</a>

# Communication

Please make sure you have **SchoolPing** to ensure you receive important news and updates from the school. Contact us if you need support accessing SchoolPing on your mobile phone. If you need to contact the school urgently, please call the office on **0208 204 5221**.

For school information such as term dates, curriculum overviews, policies and much more please visit our website: www.rgjs.brent.sch.uk. Look out for school news in our Twitter (X)feed which can be accessed from the school website.

