



Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter 2023

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Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to the Spring Term. We are looking forward to some fun and exciting learning. Our focus this term is on working together, building friendships and as always aiming to be

'The Best We Can Be'

Reminders:

School starts at 0845. It is very important that children arrive on time to ensure they have a calm start to the day and are ready to start their learning.

As part of our home learning we ask that you support us in ensuring your child reads for at least 20 minutes a day at home and that they have the time and space to complete their home learning tasks which in Year 4 are set via Google classroom but completed in homework books.

If you need to change your child's lunch arrangements eg. school dinners to packed lunch, please give 2 weeks notice to Mrs Vekaria in the school office. For school meals please use the on-line payment system if you can.

Key Dates:

Parent Consultations:

Thursday 26th January: 3:30pm - 5:45pm

Thursday 2nd February: 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Holiday Dates:

Break up for half term: **Friday February 10th**

Return to school: **Tuesday 21st February**

Friday 31st March: Break up for Easter holidays.

Tuesday 18th April: Return to school

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.



Staying Healthy

Hand washing remains part of our daily routine. Classroom ventilation is important to protect all of us but we are also keen to maintain a good working temperature in classrooms. Children should wear layers to keep warm when the weather is particularly cold.

English This term in Literacy we will be studying both the film and the book called *The Lost Thing*. It is available on YouTube to watch at home. We will writing some descriptions of imaginary creatures and writing a news report. Our unit about *Dragons* will allow us to imagine how we can look after an imaginary dragon.



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.



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.



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 <http://world-geography-games.com>



Wider curriculum

At RGJS we believe in the importance of teaching the 'whole child', making sure your child receives a broad and rich curriculum, including:

PE: Swimming, Gymnastics and Cricket

RE: Christianity including a visit to a local church.

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 weather and clothes

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** feed which can be accessed from the school website.