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Dear parents/carers of Year 4 pupil

We hope you have had a restful Summer holiday. We're really looking forward to working with you over the course of the year. Below we have outlined what we will be covering in class this term and additional information specific to year 4.

Curriculum Topic (History focus): 'Royalty, Rogues & Rebellion!'

English	Maths	Science	History	R.E.	Computing
Wolves in the Walls by Neil Gaiman. We will be using this thrilling picture book to begin the year. Writing setting descriptions, dialogue, building tension and writing our own versions of the story. Later in the term the children will write newspaper reports about Guy Fawkes.	Maths will be based on place value, addition and subtraction. We will also be working on maths fluency, using informal methods to support addition and subtraction.	In Science we will be learning about sound. We will investigate how sound is made, features of sound and features of objects that make sound.	In our Creative Curriculum lessons we are looking at three characters from the 1600s and 1700s – Charles I, Dick Turpin and Guy Fawkes.	In R.E. we are looking at Hinduism, how the faith has spread across the World, pilgrimage and the importance of Samskars.	During our Computing lessons we will be learning how to create Powerpoint presentations. Art and Design In Art, we will be learning how to draw faces that are anatomically accurate, looking at shading and the use of different pencils.

P.E. Lessons

Each Y4 class has one term of swimming at Forest Hill Pool. This term, **Turquoise Class will be swimming every Monday** starting from 23rd September to 2nd December. Turquoise class will also have a school P.E. lesson on alternate Tuesdays this half term (17th September, 1st October and 15th October).

Azure and Cobalt P.E. lessons will be every Tuesday, focusing on gymnastics indoors and invasion games outdoors (hockey/tag rugby).

On P.E. days your child will need to bring school P.E. kit to change into. Please pack kit suitable for indoors or outdoors, including trainers or plimsoles. Kit should consist of a plain white t-shirt, grey or black bottoms and grey or black sweatshirt.

Home Reading

We have spoken to Y4 classes about the importance of reading and have asked your child to read everyday. We expect you to support your child with reading at least 4 times a week. Your child has been asked to record their reading in the their reading record book and to get it signed by a parent or guardian. The reading record has information to help adults support children with reading and spelling.

Home Learning

Every Monday, your child will bring home their homework folder which will contain their weekly arithmetic homework and their spelling book. These need to be returned by the Thursday of that week.

Please support your child by discussing their spellings, ensuring they understand what each word means and practising how to spell them regularly. The spelling book is a place to practise using the Look, Cover, Write and Check strategy, and to form sentences using the words. The practise will not be checked by the teacher. Spellings will be tested each Friday in a separate book that stays at school.

In addition, each half term your child will be set a Home Learning Project linked to the topic. We really encourage you to get involved in the completion of these tasks.



Headteacher: Ian Hyde
Deputy Headteachers: Tara Magee and Kris Clark

Other information:

Thank you for your support with the children arriving on time for school in the mornings. At present, teachers are collecting Y4 children from the playground in the morning at 8.55am. **The register will be taken at 9.00am.** We do plan to have Y4 pupils walking themselves into school and up to class later this term. We will talk to the children about it before we start and will inform parents/carers.

Encourage your child to wear full school uniform everyday and ensure they have a coat appropriate for the weather, especially as we have already had some chilly mornings and rain. In light drizzle, we still like to take the children out to play if they have coats. Please remember, it is important that your child does not wear jewellery (unless it is for religious reasons) apart from stud earrings.

Thank you, and as always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Cooper, Miss Crooks and Miss Nandhra