

# Year 4 Curriculum Letter - Autumn 2 2017

## Welcome back!

We hope that you enjoyed the Autumn break after a busy first half term. We are looking forward to some exciting trips and events this term and seeing the children continue to progress.

This newsletter will provide you with information on the second half of the Autumn term. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

Miss Clark, Miss Blake and Miss Gale

Year 4 Team

## Topic - 'London at War'

Our topic this half term is the 'London at War'. We will focus on the impact of the war on London; looking at experiences of evacuees and life on the home front. The topic will feed into English, Art and DT, and ICT. We also invite you to develop knowledge about this topic through a home learning research project (detailed in the 'Year 4 Homework' sheet attached).

Our ongoing project with Dulwich Picture Gallery continues this term, with an art workshop at the Gallery.

## English

- This term we will be developing our English skills through lessons linked to our World War 2 topic, in both fiction and non-fiction writing. This will include Blitz poetry writing followed by letter and diary writing of the experiences of children and adults involved in the war effort at home. This will allow children to immerse themselves in this topic, whilst developing a range of writing skills across many genres.
- In preparation for our Winter Fair, we will also be undertaking some persuasive writing in order to advertise our product.

## Maths

We will continue our Maths learning by working on Multiplication, Division and Fractions, before moving on to Time, Measurement and Data, later this term. We will be continuing our weekly mental Maths 'Rocket' tests. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their times tables and other objectives on their rocket card. They could also improve their rapid recall of mental Maths facts by using Mathletics.

## Science

This half term, our Science topic is 'Sound' focusing on how sounds are created and how they travel to reach our ear. We will be consolidating our investigative skills, making observations over time, and drawing conclusions from what we have seen. We will also be developing our recording skills and our scientific vocabulary so that we can explain clearly and concisely more advanced concepts.

## Music

The children have enjoyed learning their woodwind instruments during the first half term and are very excited to be able to take them home. We hope they have enjoyed practicing at home and seeing the improvements they are making each week. Music lessons will continue this term each Thursday.

**Class teachers: 4JB – Josie Blake, 4VG – Vikki Gale, 4AC – Alison Clark**

**Jo Lipinska will be providing PPA cover**

**Additional Adults: Kathy Burston and Elaine Walters and Lauren Baker will be supporting in class**

### Rough daily timetable:

**9:00-9:30** Guided Reading

**9:30-10:30** English

**10:30-10:45** Assembly

**11:05-12:00** Maths

**12:00-12.30** Spelling and Handwriting

**1:30-2:30** Topic/ICT/Music/PE/Science/PSHE/Spanish

**2:30-3:15** Topic/ICT/Music/PE/Science/PSHE/Spanish

### Dates for the diary:

Trip to Imperial War Museum:

4<sup>th</sup> December - 4JB

5<sup>th</sup> December - 4AC

6<sup>th</sup> December - 4VG

Winter Fair - Saturday 9th December

Christmas break: 21<sup>st</sup> December- 2<sup>nd</sup> January