



**March 2023**

Dear Y4 Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the Easter break. Here is some information to prepare you for the summer term.

### Learning

In **English** we will be starting the term by finishing reading *Varjak Paw* by SF Said and then moving on to *I was a Rat* by Philip Pullman. The children will be exploring writing to entertain in different forms. Following this, we will be writing newspaper reports linked to our Science topic and persuasive letters inspired by *Belonging* by Jeannie Baker.

In **Reading** the children will continue with whole-class reading lessons. We will be exploring a range of texts, including *The Monster Tree*, *The Town Mouse & The Country Mouse*, *Shang Dynasty China* and *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman.

In **Maths** we are starting the term looking at fractions. Then we will move on to learn about symmetry in 2D shapes and review our learning about division. We will finish the year by revising our learning about time and exploring problem solving in different contexts. Throughout the term, we will have weekly lessons revisiting our times tables to ensure children know all of their facts up to 12x12 fluently.

Our **Science** topic will focus on sound and how we can hear. After half term, we will move on to explore living things and their habitats and consider the impact that humans have on habitats.

We are starting a new **History** unit this term, learning all about the Shang Dynasty. The children will be exploring the achievements of this fascinating ancient civilization and considering what different artefacts can tell us about what life was like during this period. You can find out more about all of our school curriculum by visiting the ["Our Curriculum > Y1 to Y6 curriculum"](#) section on the new school website.

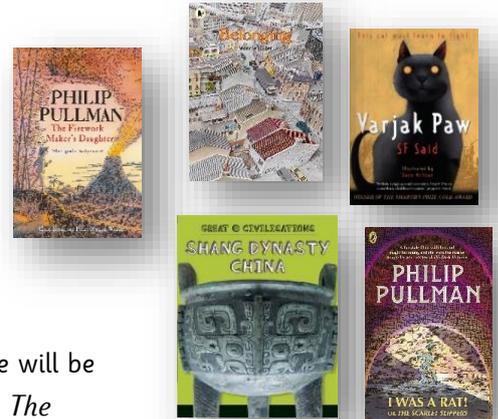
### The Multiplication Tables Check

All children in Y4 will be participating in the Multiplication Tables Check in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether the children can fluently recall their times tables up to 12x12. We will be holding an information session on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3:40pm** where we will share further details and strategies to support your child at home to learn their times tables.

### Home Learning

We will continue to send homework each Friday. The children will bring home:

- 10 spellings to practise at home
- Handwriting





Your child also receives weekly maths homework on Mathletics. We encourage every child to aim to earn 1000 points each week, which is recognised by a certificate in achievement assembly on a Wednesday.

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to read for at least 15-20 minutes each day. Reading is a fundamental part of the children's development and it has a positive impact on comprehension skills, writing, maths and many other subjects. Children should complete their reading records to evidence the reading they have done and bring these to school every day. The children will also earn stickers on their bookmark every time they read which will result in certificates and even brand new books to keep!

### Uniform and PE Lessons

Make-up and jewellery, with the exception of stud ear-rings and a watch are not allowed. All children are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. PE for Year 4 will be on a Monday. Children will need to come to school wearing a PE kit and a pair of trainers. Danube will continue to go swimming every Monday afternoon for the rest of the year.

### Music

This term, the children will continue their recorder lessons. These will take place every **Thursday**. Please ensure your child brings their recorder to school every week so that they are able to take part in the lesson. There are links on our Google Classroom to the music we are learning so that the children can practice at home.

### Healthy School

West Hampstead Primary School is a healthy school. Please help us by providing a **healthy packed lunch**. You may also send in a **fruit portion** for children to eat at snack time. Your child should also bring in a **water bottle** every day. We will celebrate birthdays with a class birthday song and 'Happy Birthday' stickers. Please do not send in sweets or cake.

### General Expectations

We would like to remind you that school and learning starts at **9:00**. The gates will be open at 8:50. The school day ends at 3:30.

We look forward to continuing working with both you and your children. If you should have any general questions regarding the term ahead, please do not hesitate to contact us through [year4@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk](mailto:year4@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk)

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