

## Homework

For homework, children will have some work assigned weekly, as well as spellings, and daily reading. Children putting effort into their work are rewarded in class.

It is also crucial that your child knows all their times tables up to  $12 \times 12$ , including an understanding of how division and multiplication are linked (e.g.  $3 \times 4 = 12$  so  $12/4 = 3$ ). Knowing this helps them in all areas of their maths learning.

## Reading



It is important that your child reads for 10-20 minutes EVERY DAY. Please sign their home Reading Records or ensure they do themselves so we have an idea of how much they are reading regularly (children will be rewarded for bringing in reading records everyday).

After reading with your child, it is helpful to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding and inference. To push them further, talk to them about why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect these words have on the reader.

## Summer 1 Parent Workshops:

Please see website (Under Parents → Workshops) for more information on times.

Alternatively, please look in the newsletter each week to find out more information.



*If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly at hometime or via the school office.*



Year 4  
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Our topic this half term is:

## Tudors and Stuarts



The Year 4 topic for Spring will be Tudors and Stuarts. Children will learn about this period in history focusing on the way life was different during this time.

## The year 4 Team:

Wilson Class: Sadari Shakes  
Dahl Class: Jordan Tamblyn  
Morpurgo Class: Paul Colebrook  
Support Staff: Azemine Ademi

## Important Dates

**Tuesday 30th April—trip to the Barbican Centre**

**Monday 13th —Wednesday 15th May**  
**Class Trips to The Centre of the Cell**

## Maths



In maths, we are focusing on improving our approach to problem solving and developing a mastery approach where all children will gain a deep understanding of topics.

This term, some of the things we'll be looking at:

- Time (telling the time using an analogue clock-face, measurements of time, reading the 12hr and 24hr clock, time comparisons).
- Estimating decimals
- Problem solving
- Solving worded problems with the 4 operations
- Identifying symmetrical shapes

## English

We will be looking at a range of different genres in English and will write for a range of purposes including play-scripts, recounts, diary entries, stories, poems and newspapers.

Our focus will be on use of language, authorial intent and view points and structures of texts.

We will study the book 'Varjak Paw' by S.F Said which is a story about a cat who goes on an amazing adventure...

We will read a wide range of text types in our reading sessions focusing on retrieving information and reading between the lines.

## Science

In Science this half term, Year 4 are learning about the topic Animals including Humans . During this topic, we'll be learning about:

- Food Chains
- Identifying producers, predators and prey
- Eating and the digestive system



## Project Based Learning and Foundation subjects

### History

In history, we'll be looking at the Tudors and Stuarts .



### Art/DT

In art, children will be constructing a Tudor village . This unit will encompass modelling, painting and mixed-media.



### Computing

In computing this half term, we'll be exploring the theme 'We are Music' by creating our own beats!



### R.E.

In R.E., we'll be learning about Islam and the importance of The Hajj.

