



**Year Four's Termly Newsletter**

Welcome back to the Autumn term! We hope you've had a restful and enjoyable holiday. Here is some information you might need for Year Four this term. If you have any questions, please come and see us.

Teachers: Mrs Chappell, Mr Francis and Mrs Kamuna (Schools Direct PGCE Student)

TAs: Mrs Sainsbury, Miss Watson

<u>Our main theme: 'Building Societies'</u>	<u>English units:</u>	<u>Maths topics:</u>
<p><b>History</b> – Children will explore the history of the Mayan Civilisation.</p> <p><b>Geography</b> – Children will locate and compare different continents and oceans across the world.</p> <p><b>DT</b> – Children will explore yarns, threads and weaving techniques to design and weave a Mayan belt.</p> <p><b>Art</b> – children will use clay techniques to design and create a tile to represent a Mayan event.</p> <p><b>Computing</b> – Children will be exploring spreadsheets and computer networks.</p> <p><b>RE</b> – Children will learn about Hinduism and importance of Christmas for Christians.</p> <p><b>Music</b> – Children will explore rhythmic patterns and create a class orchestra.</p> <p><b>Science</b> – Children will compare and classify different types of animals and plants. Also, children will learn about the human body, particularly the digestion system.</p>	<p><b>Riddles</b> – Children will explore and write their own riddles.</p> <p><b>Story settings</b> – Children will look at a range of settings and write their own descriptions.</p> <p><b>Persuasion</b> – Children will be writing their own persuasive texts.</p> <p><b>Free Verse Poetry</b> – Creating poems without rhyme or rhythm.</p> <p><b>Reports</b> – Children will be writing their own reports about the Mayans.</p>	<p><b>Number and place value</b> – comparing number systems from history to ours. Also, children will learn to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.</p> <p><b>Multiplication and division</b> – Mental methods up to 12x12.</p> <p><b>Addition and Subtraction</b> – add and subtract numbers formally up to four digits.</p> <p><b>Statistics</b> – Presenting and interpreting data.</p> <p><b>Measurement</b> – measure and calculate perimeter.</p> <p><b>Geometry</b> – exploring 2D shapes (particularly types of triangles and quadrilaterals) and symmetry.</p>

Our **PE and Sports** are on Wednesday and Thursday  
The kit pupils need for PE: trainers, track suit trousers, shorts, t-shirts, sun hat. **Please ensure all belongings are named.**

**Home Learning:** Will go out on Wednesday for return the following Monday. We also ask that children read regularly at least five times a week with an adult.

**Other ways to help at home:**  
Learning times tables up to 12x12 and the corresponding division facts.

**Trip / visitors / curriculum days** – Mayan Workshop and a trip to Woburn Safari Park (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October)

**Reminders and Requests:**  
Please make sure that children bring in their black indoor and their outdoor shoes and a named water bottle every day.  
**If any parents could volunteer their time to help with reading, handwriting or maths focused activities this term, please speak to your child's class teacher. We would be extremely grateful! Any parents who wish to help regularly will need to complete a DBS check. Thank you for your support, The Year Four team.**