

# Year 4 Newsletter

## Welcome!

Welcome back to Carleton Park! It is lovely to have you back in school and moving to your new class: Year 4. In this newsletter, you will find information relating to this half term's learning. Our reading canon book is "The Firework-Maker's Daughter" by Philip Pullman and this introduces our new topic on volcanoes and earthquakes.

## Core subjects

In Maths, we will be completing a range of fluency and problem-solving questions around place value. Ensuring we are recapping the skills we learnt in Year 3 and using these skills to help our new learning concepts in Year 4. We will also be continuing to practise our arithmetic skills which we will then use during our arithmetic tests weekly.

In English, we will be developing our retrieval, inference and vocabulary skills as a class as we challenge ourselves whilst developing a clear understanding of our class book. Alongside this, we will be revisiting important core grammatical skills and using these to help improve our writing.

In Science, children will be working scientifically to secure knowledge around rocks and the different types of rocks.

## Curriculum

In Geography, we will begin to understand the world around them through learning about the Ring of Fire and how this links to volcanoes and earthquakes.

In History, we will be researching the Romans and understanding the impact they had on Modern Britain.

In Art, we will be researching watercolours, mark-making and looking at the illustrator Peter Bailey.

In DT, we will be looking at the Industrial Revolution and different inventors and inventions.

In RE, we will start to look at Hinduism.

In PE, we will be understanding the muscles needed to use to help us move by completing various fitness activities.

Finally, in Spanish, we will learn to listen and speak simple greetings.

## Homework

A range of homework will be given to your child as different activities on ClassDojo and they will receive 2 house points for each piece they complete. Where possible, homework should be completed and added to your portfolio on ClassDojo rather than being sent in to school. The homework will also consist of weekly spellings and times tables where they will be tested on these weekly. The times tables test will be every Thursday and the spelling test will be every Friday.

The reading raffle will continue to happen throughout the half term for the chance to win a book; to gain a ticket, your child must read with an adult at least 4 times a week and have it signed in their reading record. Year 4 will also reward children that have read consistently 4 times a week for the whole of the half term. Reading books and reading records are to come in on a Friday and will go out Monday after being quarantined.

Finally, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email us at [admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@carletonpark.patrust.org.uk). Remember, working together we can achieve the best possible outcome for your child.

Thank you



## PE

- Our PE day is **Monday afternoon**.
- Due to current restrictions in school, children are asked to bring in their trainers for PE. Currently there is no requirement to send in a PE kit.
- Earrings need to be taken out before PE sessions; long hair will need to be tied up.

## Daily Mile

- All children will aim to complete the daily mile every day. School shoes should be appropriate (non-slip).

## How you can help your child

- Arrive in their class line at 9am.
- Ensure they have full uniform with correct footwear.
- Bring in a named water bottle.
- Listen to your child read 4 times a week and sign their reading record.