



Year 4 Hummingbirds Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome to Autumn 2!

We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an amazing half term!

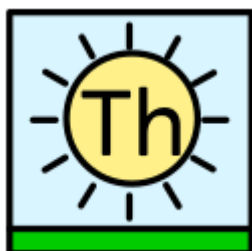
Our learning will be centred around
Gainsborough and Ghana this half term.



PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Thursday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school
wearing their PE kit on **Thursday**



Key dates for your diary:

Friday 7th November Odd Socks Day

Friday 7th November FroG's Annual Halloween Disco
3.30-5.30pm

Monday 10th November Apollo Music in Years 4 and 5

Tuesday 11th November Parent's Evening 4-6pm

Thursday 13th November Parent's Evening 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 14th November Wear Spots for Children in Need

Friday 14th November Eat Club starts 3.30-5.30pm

Sunday 16th November Run Kids Run event @London
Community Track

Friday 21st November FROG's AGM 3pm

Monday 24th November Sibling and Individual Photographs

Friday 28th Apollo Music in Year 4 and 5

Friday 28th Assembly Year 4 Assembly 3.10pm

Wednesday 3rd December Choir Performance at Westfield

Thursday 4th December Years 1 -6 Panto Stratford

Friday 5th December Parents in Class 2.45pm

Friday 12th December Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 16th December Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December Years 3 4 5 6 Winter Concert
2.30pm

Wednesday 17th December- FROG's Annual Christmas Party
3.30-5.30pm

Campaign Our class campaign this term is linked to ‘Keep Kind’ and Anti Bullying Week. We will be learning about bullying and devising an anti bullying campaign for the school.	Thursday 18th December end of term 2pm Friday 19th December INSET day Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6 Christmas Closure Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January Monday 5th January INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6 Tuesday 6th January Spring 1 starts Preschool, EYFS and Years 1 -6
Reading	Writing
This half term we will be reading ‘The Firework maker’s daughter’ by Philp Pullman. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read. It is a book full of adventure, courage and imagination as we follow Lila on her journey to becoming a firework maker. Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including: - Finding information in the text - Making predictions - Making comparisons - Making inferences about feelings, mood and author choice - clarifying vocabulary - understanding meaning - To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below: https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/secure/	Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of Anti Bullying and the book ‘The Firework Maker’s Daughter.’ Using this text, the children will write an informal letter about their personal gifts such as kindness. They will also write a narrative retelling a scene from the story. The children will learn how to form the present perfect tense for example: Lila <u>has shown</u> great courage. Please see the link below for further information: https://www.bbc.com/learningenglish/features/tenses_with_georgie/ep-240209 As part of anti bullying week, the children will also write a persuasive argument to encourage people to support anti bullying campaigns. They will practise incorporating rhetorical questions into their arguments for example: Have you ever ... ? Wouldn’t you agree that ... ? Please support your child’s spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below: https://www.spellzone.com/ Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.

Maths		Science	
In Maths this half term, we will be covering: Multiplication and Division- multiplying and dividing by 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12, understanding mathematical vocabulary such as 'quotient' in relation to division and the difference between sharing and grouping., multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers using short multiplication. Graphs- interpreting picture graphs and bar graphs, introduction to line graphs and how they measure change over time, how to use a data table to draw a line graph. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7rcwmn https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z97rdn		Our science topic this half term will be 'States of Matter.' We will explore liquids, solids and gases and how these states can change including investigating melting and evaporation. In addition we will look at the role of these processes in the water cycle. We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations and drawing conclusions. We will plan investigations and evaluate them this half term. The links below provide some useful information about what we will be studying: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsgwwxs	
ICT	Creating Media The children will use Audacity to produce a podcast, which will include editing their work, adding multiple tracks, and opening and saving the audio files.		
PSHE	Celebrating Difference The children will discuss and celebrate diversity and what makes them special. They also look into judging by appearance and bullying and how to rectify these problems.		
RE	Christianity Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?'		
PE	PE lessons this half term will focus on handball. Class PE Day: Thursday		
Music	Christmas songs The children will be learning Christmas songs which they will perform in the winter concert.		
Art	City Scapes This half term in art, the children will focus on connecting with and artistically representing their local area. Students start by learning color theory to paint skies and waterscapes, then progress to drawing techniques for constructing simple and local buildings		
DT and Cooking	Cakes This half term in cooking, we will be making cake! Year 4 will be making apple cake. Textiles We will be making christmas decorations, practicing our threading and sewing skills.		
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.			
Visit our website for dates, news and other information			