



Year 4 Hummingbirds Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Summer 1!

History and Geography

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Please see the link below for more information regarding the Victorian era.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zh2w47h>

Campaign

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Our learning will be centred around **The Victorians** this half term.



Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 16th April 2026 - Year 4 Trip Ragged School Museum

Wednesday 22nd April Earth Day march through Hackney Wick Years 1 2 4 5 6

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday - Gainsborough closed

Year 4 Assembly Friday 1st May

Monday 18th May Walk to School Week

Friday 22nd May Wear stripes for World Bee Day

Friday 22nd May Parents in Class

Friday 22nd May Gainsborough's Got Talent! 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 22nd May Last day of Summer 1

Monday 25th May Bank Holiday

Monday 1st June Summer 2 begins

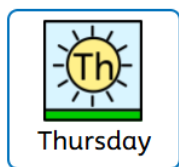
Friday 17th July Last day of Summer 2

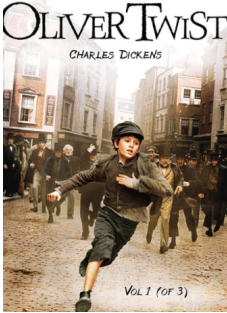
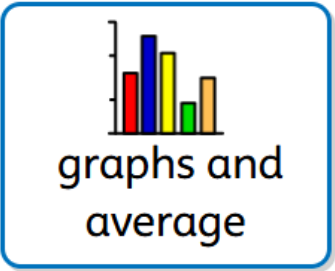
Monday 20th July INSET day all staff


PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Thursday**

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



Reading	Writing
<p>This half term we will be reading <i>Silas and the Marvellous Misfits</i> and the non-fiction texts 'Explore: Victorians' and 'Stone Age to the Celts'. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. 'Silas and the Marvellous Misfits.' <i>Silas and the Marvellous Misfits</i> is a book about imagination, friendship, and learning to accept yourself and others for who they are.</p> <p>Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finding information in the text - Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words - Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters - Making predictions about what will happen next - Understanding the organization of a non-fiction text <p>To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:</p> <p>Reading Plus</p>	<p>Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of Victorians and we will be using the book 'Oliver Twist' to inspire our own writing. Using this text, the children will write a suspense narrative including speech using inverted commas. The children will then write a diary entry from the perspective of a Victorian child. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding inverted commas to dictate speech.</p> <p>"On the menu today is... gruel," announced the warden, sharply."</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9tkxfr</p> <p>In addition, we will be working on using conjunctions to extend sentences. For example:</p> <p>The room was deathly silent because we aren't allowed to talk to anyone at all.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zcdvp4j</p> <p>Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings.</p> 
Maths	Science
<p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p>Graphs - Drawing and reading a range of graphs to include pictograms, bar graphs and line graphs.</p> <p>Money - Writing and comparing amounts of money, rounding money and estimating money.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7rcwmn</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8yv4wx</p>  <p>graphs and average</p>	<p>Our Science topic this half term will be around Living things and their Habitats. We will explore urban and rural habitats discussing the difference in biodiversity between the two, how classification keys can be used to group plants and animals and how human activity can impact habitats. We will apply our learning to our enquiry question 'What impacts do humans have on different habitats?'</p> <p>We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.</p> <p>The link below provides some useful information about the topic we will be studying:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb</p>

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ICT	<p>Creating media</p> <p>Our topic this half term is 'Creating media'. We will develop our understanding of how to edit photos. We will be looking at recolouring, cloning, combing, creating and evaluating.</p>
PSHE	<p>Relationships</p> <p>This half term our PSHE unit is 'Relationships'. During this topic, the children will think about and discuss jealousy, love and loss, memories and getting on and falling out.</p>
RE	<p>Hinduism - Sanatana Dharma</p> <p>Our focus religion this half term is Hinduism. Our key question is 'What is the best way for a Sanatani to lead a good life'. We will learn about Sanatani beliefs and traditions.</p>
PE	<p>PE lessons this half term will focus on fitness and athletics.</p> <p>Class PE Day: Thursday</p>
Music	<p>Rap, Grime and Bhangra</p> <p>The children will also be looking at a range of songs from the rap, grime and bhangra genres as well as learning the songs for the Hackney Music Festival.</p>
Art	<p>Textiles</p> <p>This half term, we are using our topic focus of Victorians to create Victorian quilts.</p>
DT and Cooking	<p>Cooking</p> <p>This half term in cooking we will be making pastries! Year 4 will be making patties.</p>

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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