



Year 4 Hummingbirds Summer 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to Summer 2!

Staff working across Year 4 this term: Ms Lydon, Ms Lewis and Ms Thomas

Our learning will be centred around our topic of **Active Planet** this half term.



Key dates for your diary:

Friday 5th June Y4 Natural History Museum trip

Friday 19th June Class Pictures

Friday 19th June Y4 Assembly

Wednesday 24th June years 3 4 5 Hackney Music Festival Trip

Friday 3rd July, Parents in Class, 2.45pm

Friday 3rd July Summer Fair, 3.30-5.30pm

Saturday 4th July Girls Run Club Hackney Marshes

Thursday 9th July Sports Day Years 1 -6, at The London Community Track

Friday 17th July- Last day of term for pupils

Monday 20th July INSET day - preschool and school closed

Tuesday 21st July Summer Camp starts - under 5's

Trips and Visits

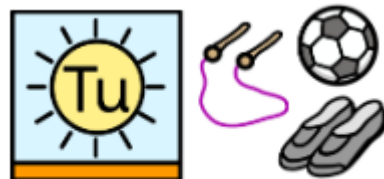
Friday 5th June - Natural History Museum






PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Tuesday**

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



Reading	Writing
<p>This half term we will be reading 'Journey to Jo'burg', 'Earth Shattering Events' and 'Earthquakes and Volcanoes'. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of imagery and description linked to the rainforest that will help inspire our writing.</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 <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 'Active Planet'. The children will write a description text and a narrative based on the book <i>When the Giant Stirred (natural disasters)</i>.</p> <p>The descriptive text will focus on four natural disasters; volcanoes, tsunamis, floods and earthquakes.</p> <p>During these units, the pupils will focus on using relative clauses for example:</p> <p>Earthquakes are caused by forces beneath the ground, <u>which are out of the control of humans.</u></p> <p>Please see the link below for further information linked to relative clauses:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsrt4qt</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>Multiplication and Division- We will be preparing children to take their multiplication check by practising our recall of facts up to 12 x 12, focusing on accuracy and speed of recall.</p> <p>Area and Perimeter: Measuring and comparing areas and perimeters of squares and rectangles and finding areas of squares and rectangles.</p> <p>Geometry: Comparing angles, classifying triangles and quadrilaterals and finding lines of symmetry.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="84 1910 312 2096" style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <p>perimeter</p> </div> <div data-bbox="333 1910 561 2096" style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <p>area</p> </div> </div>	<p>Our Science topic this half term will be 'The digestive system.' We will explore carnivores, omnivores and herbivores, teeth and tooth decay and the different components of the digestive system.</p> <p>We will develop our scientific skills by planning our own investigation, selecting our equipment, 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 digestive system:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z8bntrd</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

History and Geography	Campaign
<p>In Geography, our topic is 'Active Planet'. We will investigate natural disasters and discuss disaster relief.</p> <p>We will explore volcanoes through diagrams and compare global volcanic activity, discuss geographical features of volcanic regions, and uncover the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We will also explore tectonic plates and earthquakes.</p> <p>Please see the link below for more information regarding volcanoes and earthquakes:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z63vdnb#z8w wp9q</p>	<p>Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Safe.' We will be learning about 'First Aid for Children'. We will consider what might cause an emergency, learn the correct first aid to administer in an emergency and make presentations to inform others in an effort to keep everyone safe.</p> <div data-bbox="911 394 1150 667" data-label="Image"> </div>

ICT	<p>Repetition in Games</p> <p>We will develop our understanding of repetition in programming using Scratch. We will learn the difference between count-controlled and infinite loops, modify existing games and create our own game which uses repetition.</p>
PSHE	<p>Changing Me</p> <p>During this topic, the children will learn and talk about uniqueness, discuss feelings brought about by change, understand and accept change both within ourselves and in other people and look forward to future changes.</p>
RE	<p>Christianity</p> <p>Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'Do people need to go to Church to show they are Christians?' We will learn about Christian beliefs and traditions.</p>
PE	<p>PE lessons this half term will focus on Rounders and Cricket.</p> <p>Class PE Day: Tuesday</p>
Music	<p>Guitar Music</p> <p>The children will be exploring guitar music and will be developing their ability to play rhythms on the guitar. We will be learning songs for our Christmas performance.</p>
Art	<p>Sculpture</p> <p>This half term in art, the children will create an erupting volcano linked to their geography topic 'Active Planet' and the work of Margaret Godfrey.</p>
DT and Cooking	<p>Cooking</p> <p>This half term in cooking we will be making Spanish salads. Year 4 will create a tomato and bread salad.</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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