



RHODES AVENUE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 4

Summer Term 2018

Curriculum News letter

Class Teachers: Mrs Burrows, Mrs Rayner & Mrs Gowan

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back .We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. Below is some information related to the learning activities we have planned for the summer term.

In **English**, the first half term will involve writing linked to our Victorian topic. We will read and write short narratives, Victorian diaries and biographies of famous Victorians. Our whole class reading book will be a non-fiction text about the Victorians which we will be using to develop our reading and comprehension skills.

In the second half term, our topic will be 'London 360°'. We will be exploring narrative writing through a core text based on London and learning how to write a persuasive leaflet.

Grammar, comprehension and spelling will be taught throughout the week within the English session. Children will be tested on their spellings every Friday.

In **Maths** we will be following the Year 4 Curriculum which includes number work, properties of shape, position and direction, measurement and data handling. We will also be encouraging children to develop investigative strategies to solve numerical problems. Children will continue to develop their mental maths strategies and consolidate times tables facts. The children will complete times tables activities every Friday.

In **Science** our topic will be Living things and their Habitats. The children will be classifying animals and creating keys. We will be looking at different habitats and animal adaptations both locally and in other parts of the world.

In summer 1, our topic is 'The Victorians' .In summer 2, our topic will be called 'London 360° '

As part of our Victorian topic, we will be finding out about Victorian homes, schools and work, what life was like for the rich and poor and similarities and differences between a Victorian childhood and present day.

In **Art**, we will be designing and creating stain glass windows inspired by the work of William Morris. We will also be taking part in the 'Take one Picture' national competition. The children will also plan, design and create a **DT** project.

As part of our **P4C/PSHE** focus, we will be discussing child labour and the impact of the British Empire.

In **Music**, children will be composing, performing and appraising their own music as well as developing an appreciation of different composers and purposes of music. Music lessons will be linked to topic. Children will also have the opportunity to perform songs.

In summer 2, we will be learning all about London through our topic 'London 360'. Our geography focus will be rivers. We will be exploring the journey of the Thames from source to sea and the importance of the Thames to London throughout history. We will also be looking at maps and comparing London to other cities in the UK.

In **DT**, we will be designing and making biscuits. In **Art**, we will be using the work of Banksy and other street artists to inspire children to create their own work of art.

We would be delighted if you have any resources or expertise relating to our topics and would be interested in sharing this with the children. Please get in touch with your class teacher.

In **PE** our focus for this half term will be athletics. PE will be taught on a Monday (4AG), Tuesday (4CB) and Wednesday (4JR). It is essential that children have their PE kits in school everyday. This includes a Rhodes Avenue T-shirt (available from the school office), shorts, jogging bottoms, warm top and appropriate footwear. Children will be asked to remove or cover earrings before taking part in their PE session.

4CB will have swimming sessions during the summer term on Friday mornings.

Homework

Homework at Rhodes Avenue provides children with the opportunity to consolidate their classroom learning. The aim of homework is to develop pupil independence, resilience and resourcefulness. They should be able to complete their homework with minimal adult support, however if your child does struggle with the homework provided, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher. Children will be expected to learn spellings and times tables on a weekly basis as well as completing a maths task to consolidate their learning during the week.

Spellings and times tables: sent out Friday to be learned for the following Friday's test

Maths: sent out Wednesday to be returned by Friday

English: CGP workbook. Send out Friday to be returned on the following Monday

Reading: every night for a minimum of 10mins

Important summer term dates for your diaries:

Trip to Southwark Cathedral (4CB & 4AG)	23 rd April
Trip to Southwark Cathedral 4JR	14 th May
Half Term	28 th May-1 st June
Key Stage 2 Sports Day	19 th June
Summer concert	25 th June
Parents' evenings	12 th July
End of term	20 th July

Healthy Schools

As part of school policy and our commitment to being a Healthy School please ensure that you child's playtime snack is fresh fruit and/or vegetables. Water will always be available during the school day however we are happy for you to bring into school a bottle of water clearly labelled.

If you have any questions or queries, please do remember we are always here to help. Please speak to a member of the team to arrange a mutually convenient time.

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