



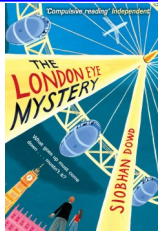
Curriculum News

Spring 1 - Year 4

English:

In English, we are reading *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd. We will be focussing on making predictions and inferences, and justifying opinions. The children will also build upon their knowledge of writing news reports as well as writing character studies, poems and diary entries.

In grammar sessions we will be revisiting direct speech, questioning and emotive language.



Maths:

In maths, we will be learning about multiplication and division; in particular, developing strategies to mentally complete problems. We will also focus on using formal methods to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers. Later in the term, we will also learn about fractions (such as equivalent fractions) and time (including reading 12 hour and 24 hour clocks). We will continue to complete weekly times table challenges, which focus on mental recall of multiplication and division facts.

Reading:

In guided reading, we will be learning four key skills: predicting, clarifying, questioning and summarising.

Children will bring home a reading book from school, which they need to read each night. After reading, children need to write a short summary in their reading record. Reading records and books need to be brought to school every day.

In **Topic**, we will have a focus on mapping; with a particular focus on London. We will be undertaking field work, creating and completing surveys, and producing our own sketch maps.

In **Science** we are learning about States of Matter. We will be learning about the differences between solids, liquids and gases, the effects of heating and cooling on different materials and condensation and evaporation.



In **PSHE** we will be thinking about 'Going for Goals'. We will learn about what helps us to learn and some of the barriers to learning. We will also learn about how to break down goals into manageable parts.

We are continuing to learn about our brain. This term we will focus on being mindful. We will try mindful listening, mindful moving and even mindful eating.

In **P.E.** we are learning about dance. We will continue to go to Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre for swimming lessons. All children have already made a lot of progress in their confidence and their swimming ability.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 22nd January – Year 4 Trip to Tate Modern

Tuesday 23rd January – Year 3 Trip to Kew Gardens

Thursday 1st February – Reception Maths parent workshop

Tuesday 6th February – Maths parent coffee morning (for all year groups)

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February –
Half Term

Monday 26th February – Friday 2nd March –
Reading Week

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day

Monday 5th – Friday 9th March –
Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 7th March – Year 3 Trip to
Natural History Museum

Monday 12th March – Friday 16th March –
Science Week

Home Learning:

As well as reading at home, children need to practise their times tables. Your child knows which times tables they need to be working on for their Bronze, Silver or Gold badge. There will be a times tables test each week.

Your child also needs to learn all the words from the Year 3 and 4 spelling list. They need to practise a few words every day.