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Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn Term 1 (2026 – 2027)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back to school! I am really looking forward to teaching this class again after having them in Year 3 and Natasha I are sure that the children will enjoy settling back into school life and adjust well back into their new routines. Our first topic will be 'What made the kingdom of Benin so successful?'. Please see the attached curriculum map for more detailed information about what the children will be learning this term. I (Mr Meza Garcia) will be the main class teacher. The children are very lucky to also have a great team working with me this year including Natasha (Teaching assistant) and Rose (Teaching assistant). The tutors from the In-Harmony music team and coach Shaj from Moving matters will cover the class every Thursday morning to focus on music lessons and PE sessions.

Reading

In Year 4, children will be heard reading at least two times a week; once with a teacher as part of their guided reading session and then again with a teaching assistant. Please try to hear your child read on a daily basis and use their reading journals as a place to record their responses to the stories that they read to you or their thoughts on stories that you read to them. This can be a short 15 minutes session but it will make a huge impact on their progress in reading and writing. Every Friday the children will be encouraged to change their reading books and take a new reading book home if they have finished the text that they are currently reading. Please also make sure that the children come to school with their **reading journal** daily as they will also need to use them during the course of the school day.

P.E

P.E lessons will take place twice a week. The first session will take place every **Monday afternoon** and on **Thursday** mornings we will have specialist PE coaching from coach Shaj delivering high intensity PE sessions from Moving Matters. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) in school on both days. PE will mostly take place outdoors this term so please ensure that the children have the appropriate kit in school as the weather is unpredictable.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Earrings should be kept to small studs only. Please make sure that **ALL** school clothes and items of PE kit are clearly labelled to minimise loss. Don't forget to have a look in the Junior lost property box if anything does go missing. If your child wears shoes that require them to tie laces, please help them to learn how to tie them up at home as they regularly become loose during the course of the school day and it can be a challenge to tie up multiple pairs of shoes throughout the day!

Home Learning

Every week the children will be given **spelling rules and patterns** to practise at home. Every Friday they will complete a dictation challenge to check how confident they are with the spelling pattern of the week. They will also have a weekly **multiplication challenge** to complete. Every Friday they will also complete a multiplication speed challenge to check how confident they are with the times tables that they have been practising at home. The children will be given a **topic-based project** to complete around the theme of 'What made the kingdom of Benin so successful?'. This homework project gives the children a chance to practise and perfect skills that they are learning in the classroom and to further explore their class topic independently. Please encourage and support your children when completing their project. The Topmarks website is also a great way for them to practise and perfect the maths skills that they are learning in the classroom with a particular focus on learning all of their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of the year.

Year 4 Parent/Carers coffee morning

The parent/carers coffee morning will take place on **Monday 14th September 8:50am** in the Year 4 Classroom. This gives you the opportunity to meet me, find out about what the children will be expected to learn by the end of the year, find out about the Year 4 Camping trip that will take place in June 2027, get some information about the Year 4 Multiplication check and ask any questions that you may have. If you are unable to attend at this time and you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and a suitable appointment can be made for another time. Throughout the year, you are also very welcome to arrange a meeting in person, via email or over the phone if needed.

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st September 2025 – INSET Day (School closed)
Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – INSET Day (School closed)
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – INSET Day (School closed)
Thursday 3rd September 2026-School open
Monday 14th September 2026 - Year 4 Parent/Carer coffee morning
Tuesday 13th October 2026 – Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 21st October 2026- Trip to Horniman museum
Thursday 22nd October 2026 - Parent/Carer meetings with the Teacher
Thursday 22nd October 2026-Last day of term
Thursday 23rd October 2026 – INSET day (School closed)

Kind regards,
Year 4 team