



# THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

## YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 1

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Hello and welcome back to school! It has been a really challenging few months and I hope that you and all of your families are well. I am sure that the children will enjoy settling back into school life and adjust well to all of the changes that are taking place. Our first topic will be 'Why do we celebrate Black History Month?'. I (Steven Heming) will be the main class teacher. The children are very lucky to also have a great team working with me this year including Jo Ouazene (Higher Level Teaching assistant), Jan Dusek (Teaching assistant) and Vicky Edensor (Speech and Language specialist). Jo Ouazene will cover the class every Tuesday afternoon to focus on PSHE and Spelling investigations.

### **Reading**

In Year 4, children will be heard reading at least three times a week; once with a teacher as part of their guided reading session and then again with the teaching assistants. 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 10 - 15 minute 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.

### **P.E**

P.E lessons will take place twice a week. Every Monday we will have professional cricket coaches leading the PE session on cricket and every Friday we will have specialist PE coaches delivering high intensity PE sessions from Moving Matters. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit (including plimsolls or trainers) in school at all times as sometimes other activities will require them to wear their kit. PE will take place outdoors this term so please ensure that the children have the appropriate kit in school.

### **School Uniform**

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, the children are able to wear their own clothes to school. If your child is wearing earrings please ensure that they are small studs only. Please make sure that **ALL** items of clothing, PE kits and coats are clearly labelled to minimise loss and make it easier to locate if they become misplaced.

### **Home Learning**

Every week the children will be given spelling rules and patterns to practise at home. They will also have a number challenge to complete. The children will also be given a topic-based project to complete around the theme of 'Why do we celebrate Black History Month?'. 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. Encourage your children to also make use of the activities available on Purple Mash. The Mathletics 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.

### **Class Twitter**

Our class Twitter is a great way to keep up to date about all of the exciting learning that takes place during the school day. Please follow [@mr\\_heming](#) and [@mrdusekreay](#) to keep up to date with all of the latest information. You can also follow [@ReayPrimary](#) and [@FriendsofReay](#) for regular information on the events and learning taking place across the whole school community. Even if you don't have a personal Twitter account you will still be able to access the Twitter accounts by typing in [@mr\\_heming](#) or [@ReayPrimary](#) into a Google search.

### **Virtual Year 4 Parent/Carers coffee morning**

The date for the Year 4 virtual parent/carers coffee morning will be sent to you shortly. This will give you the opportunity to meet me (virtually), find out about what the children will be expected to learn by the end of the year and ask any questions about the changes to the way the school operates for the children in light of changes due to COVID-19. There will also be a chance to talk to one of the Senior Leadership Team. If you are unable to attend at this time and you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to 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 (when current restrictions are removed) or contact me via the phone or e-mail at [steven.heming@reay.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:steven.heming@reay.lambeth.sch.uk)

**Kind regards,**

**Steven Heming, Jo Ouazene, Jan Dusek and Vicky Edensor**