

# Year 4 Autumn 1 Overview

Your child has made a wonderful start to the year.

We are delighted with the way all the children are settling in. Here is some information about Autumn / half Term. We have been spending time transitioning into Year 4 and our new routines. We have focused on our wellbeing and feelings alongside our Math, Literacy and other curriculum subjects.

This term our topic is... **Kings and Queens!** Our core text for the rest of this half term will be 'A dollop of ghee and pot of wisdom' which is going to support us to understand different cultures and compare court proceedings in the past and present.



To kick-start our big bang we will be researching and presenting information about the Tower of London while creating our own crown jewels fit for royalty. This will inspire us to learn about the significant kings and queens of England.

**Spelling Patterns:** Revisiting key stage 1 spelling from Year 2: possessive apostrophe with singular proper nouns. Homophones (peace/piece, main/ mane, fair/fare).

This half term we are going to focus on encouraging children to develop a range of personal strategies to support them with their statutory year 3 and 4 spelling words.

In Science, we will be learning about Electricity. Children will learn to construct simple circuits and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. They will be making connections and using their knowledge to identify which household appliances run on electricity.

## Useful Information:

- Ensure your child reads for 15 minutes every day and sign their reading record to show this. It is also important to read books to your child so that they can enjoy listening to vocabulary and stories.
- Please remember to continue reading with your child every day and sign their reading records after each session so we can see how they're getting on.
- PE is on **Wednesday and Thursday**. Year 4 PE needs to include a blue T-shirt, navy jogging bottoms/ shorts and appropriate footwear. Long hair needs to be tied up for PE and earrings removed or covered.
- We encourage children to have a water bottle in their classroom with their name on it.
- Please ensure your child is in school on time, ready to start morning classes at **8:45am**. Year 4 learning starts straight after the registration (9:00am).



**Times Tables:** Following Year 3, your child should be fluent in the 3, 4 and 8 times table. This year we will be focusing on all the times table up to 12 to prepare for the year 4 multiplication test which will take place in June 2023. We would appreciate your continued support to help practice times tables at home with your children. Some ways you can help at home are:

- Asking questions such as "what's 7 x 8?"
- Using games resource your pupil has access to such as Times Tables Rockstars
- Singing times tables songs (there are loads online)

Talk to your child about their day and ask them lots of questions about their exciting learning.

If you have any questions, please speak to one of your child's teachers at the end of the day or email them at: [teachers@chisenhole.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:teachers@chisenhole.towerhamlets.sch.uk)