

Year 4 Newsletter

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, English and other curriculum subjects.

This term our topic is...

Kings, Queens and Castles!



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

Our core text for this half term will be 'A *dallop of ghee and pat of wisdom*' which is going to support us to understand different cultures and compare court proceedings in the past and present.



Useful Information:

- Please ensure your child is in school on time, ready to start morning classes at **8:45am**. Y4 learning starts straight after the registration (9:00am).
- Ensure your child is reading everyday. It is also important to read books to your child so that they can enjoy listening to vocabulary and stories.
- Y4 PE is on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. At Chisenhale, we expect the children to come into school wearing their PE kit which includes navy/black joggers with a blue T-Shirt. For safety reasons, it is important that they wear suitable footwear such as trainers or plimsolls. Long hair needs to be tied up for PE and earrings need to be removed or covered.
- We encourage children to have a water bottle in their classroom with their name on it.



Spelling Patterns: Revisiting key stage 1 spelling: 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 explore appliances in their setting that uses electricity, learn how to work with electricity safely and build circuits. They will also investigate electrical conductors and insulators and explore the relationship between the number of cells and bulb brightness.

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 2025. 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@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk