

Year 4 Newsletter

September 2019



English

Our main focus this half term is writing linked to a short story called 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers'. This is an amazing true story that I know the children will love! We will be using the beginning of the book as a stimulus for writing carefully constructed descriptive sentences and developing our vocabulary choices. Then during the next few weeks, we will be writing first person recounts in lots of interesting detail as well as persuasive letters using fronted adverbials and conjunctions.

Regular handwriting sessions will still be timetabled as good presentation is always very important and spelling will continue to be taught 3 times a week.

Topic

Our main topic this half term has a **history** focus: Victorian Manchester. We will be learning about well-known Victorian people, the lives of children in the Victorian era and Victorian houses. In **Science**, we will be learning about the human digestive system. In **RE**, we will be thinking about the question 'why do some people believe life is a journey?'. Our **PSHE** topic this half term is 'All About Me.'

How you can help your child:

Reading together: Please listen to your child read as often as possible and discuss with them what has been read. Please also sign their green Reading Records.

Online: Every child has access to *Numeracy Workout* (username: crowcroft; password: share) and TTRockstars. Please encourage your child to use these websites!

Homework will consist of:

- topic-based projects;
- spellings to be learnt weekly
- 3 reading comments to be written in the green Reading Record every week.

Reading day: Children **must** arrive at **8:50am** on their reading day to ensure their Reading Records can be checked. Reading Coupons will be awarded for high quality comments which are entered into a raffle draw to win a new book!

Maths

This half term we will be developing the children's understanding of place value and number as well as moving on to more formal written methods for addition and subtraction of larger numbers up to 4-digits.

We will be doing an additional 'times tables' session in the afternoon as this year, Year 4 will have to do a new national test introduced by the government designed to check they know their multiplication tables by heart. Although this has been said numerous times before, too many of the children still do not know their times tables. Please encourage your child to practise and help them learn these essential facts – it will really help them in class if you do!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! I hope your child is starting to feel happy and settled in their new class. This is an exciting year for your child and, as always, they will benefit greatly from your support and interest in their education.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me at the end of the day to arrange an appointment.

Alternatively, you can contact me via email at:
emairst@crowcroftpark.manchester.sch.uk

Kind regards,
Miss Mairst

Dates

Class Assembly – Monday 14th October
Harvest Assembly – Friday 18th October
Swimming – Fridays
PE – Wednesdays