

**Topics to be studied during Year 4 will include:**

**Autumn Term**

**Roman Britain:** We will be learning about how the Roman Empire developed, why the Romans first came to Britain and the impact they made. We will be studying Roman daily life, houses, the might of the Roman army, and some of those who tried to oppose it.

**Explorers:** We will be developing our mapwork and geographical skills by studying the lives of famous explorers through the ages. We will be learning about their voyages and some of the amazing discoveries they made.

**Spring Term**

**The Islamic Golden Age:** We will travel back in time to 10<sup>th</sup> century Baghdad to find out more about the Golden Age of Islamic civilisation, discovering some of the inventions originating from that time. We will also learn about the Muslim faith today.

**Electricity:** We will learn about electrical circuits, make switches and investigate materials that conduct and insulate against electricity. We will also explore the history of how electricity was first invented.

**Summer Term**

**Changes:** We will explore how landscapes and communities develop over time (in good and bad ways) and different perspectives on them. We will also experiment with perspective in drawing.

**Journey through the Body:** We will look closely inside the human body, learning particularly about food, our teeth and our digestive system.

# Year 4

## Information



**2016/2017**

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 4 – we hope your child has a great year. This booklet is designed to introduce you to some important information about the year ahead, so that you can help your child to settle in and have a really positive year. Please have a look at our website where you will find further information and updates about what is happening in school: [www.queenemmaschool.org.uk](http://www.queenemmaschool.org.uk)

### **Our Year 4 Team**

Miss Halliwell is the class teacher for Falcon class (4.2) and Ms Simmons teaches Kestrel class (4.1). For half a day a week, the teachers have time away from the classroom for planning, preparation and assessment so the classes are taught by Mrs Brooke (4.1) and Mrs Wyard (4.1). The other adults working in the Year 4 team are Ms Winter, Mrs Oates, Miss Cuffe, Miss Greenhill, Mrs Jones and Mrs Woods.

### **Homework**

In Year 4, the children continue to have homework each week for literacy and maths, both of which will be based on what the children have been learning at school. This will be given out on Fridays and will be expected to be handed in by Wednesday the following week. House points will be awarded for effort. Spelling words are also given out on Fridays and will be tested on the following Thursday. Please do let us know if you would like further guidance on helping your child with their homework.

### **Reading books**

Book bags need to be brought in every day and your child may change their book whenever they have need to. Please continue to listen to your child read as often as you can. Your child has a reading bookmark with questions you might like to use to check they understand what they are reading. Your child can also write a comment about their book, using the ideas on the other side of their bookmark.

### **Drinks and Snacks**

Please bring in a named water bottle, so that your child can have a drink during the school day. If they get hungry mid-morning, they can also bring in a piece of fruit to eat at playtime.

### **PE**

Please could the children have their PE kit in school all week, in case lessons have to be swapped. Children should have a plain white round neck T-shirt, black shorts, socks and plimsolls, as well as black jogging bottoms and suitable trainers for outdoor PE. Year 4 usually have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Please name all clothing and shoes. We generally discourage the wearing of jewellery and for safety reasons only stud earrings may be worn. All children with pierced ears must remove their earrings before participating in sport.**

### **Behaviour, Achievements and Responsibility**

The children are expected to try their best in all aspects of school life, both individually and in a team. By working hard and having a positive attitude, they can earn housepoints for their house team and also collect a series of housepoint stickers. We will also be awarding certificates each Monday to children showing positive attitudes to their learning, such as persevering, working well with others, concentrating or challenging themselves.

### **Parent Helpers are most welcome!**

Please let us know if you would be able to spend some time listening to readers, either occasionally or regularly. This opportunity for additional reading really helps the children progress: they love it and we are sure you will have fun too!

We look forward to working together with you this year.

**Miss Halliwell and Ms Simmons**

Year 4 Class Teachers