



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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"I believe that education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message" *Steve Irwin*.

Year 4 Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday and were able to spend time with friends and family.

This half-term, our Learning Challenge is "**Why is London such a cool place to live?**" The children will begin by locating countries in Europe before focusing on the UK and its capital city. They will learn about life in London and use four-figure grid references to locate famous landmarks and discover more about them. Alongside this, pupils will develop their geographical understanding by identifying key features of a city, thinking about why cities are located where they are, and exploring what makes a city successful.

In Science, we will be learning about the states of matter. The children will investigate the differences between solids, liquids and gases and learn how materials can change from one state to another.

Further information about our curriculum for this half-term can be found on the reverse of this letter.

Homework

Homework continues to be due in on Mondays. Regular practice of times tables is an important part of this, and children can use Times Tables Rockstars at home to make learning fun and effective. Reading at least three times a week is also classed as homework and is a vital way to support your child's progress. Supporting your child with their homework shows them that you value learning and helps them develop responsibility and pride in their work. Please also remember that spelling tests take place every Friday.

Uniform

As the days are turning colder, it is important that the children are prepared for this. They should bring in a coat every day as well as making sure they are in correct uniform.

PE

PE this term will continue to be on a **Thursday**. Children will be learning netball and gymnastics. Trainers and tracksuits should be worn in the colder weather as children are still expected to come to school wearing their kit.

As always, please feel free to contact us via the office, if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Price & Mr Mahony

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At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 4	Term – Spring 1 - Why is London a cool place to live?
Subject	Areas Covered
<p>English</p>	<p>Writing Bike Boy by Jane Considine - narrative story Poems Aloud by Joseph Coelho - poetry</p> <p>Guided Reading (comprehension question and retrieval) Poems Aloud - Joseph Coelho The London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd Mary Poppins - P. L. Travers</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>Addition Add 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s Add, up to, two 4-digit numbers with no exchanging, one exchange or more than one exchange. Learning strategies to estimate and check answers.</p> <p>Subtraction Subtract 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s Subtract, up to, two 4-digit numbers with no exchanging, one exchange or more than one exchange. Learning how to subtract efficiently</p> <p>Multiplication and division Multiply by one and itself Divide a number by one and itself Multiply three numbers Factors and factor pairs Multiply and divide by 10 and 100 Related facts Multiply and divide a 2-digit and 3-digit number by a 1-digit number</p> <p>Fractions and Decimals Understand the whole Understand improper fractions Partition, compare and order mixed fractions Add and subtract fractions</p> <p>For all these topics the children will be given lots of opportunities to problem solve and reason.</p>
<p>Art</p>	<p>Sketching Sketching London landmarks – Using different grade pencils to create lines and marks as well as beginning to show an awareness to make our landmarks look 3-D Shading – Using different methods of shading to add depth and detail to architecture. Watercolour mixing to convey moods and time of day.</p>
<p>Geography</p>	<p>Identify and locate the countries in Europe Locate London on a map and describe its location. Identify and describe landmarks of London. Use compass points and directional language Identify and describe a variety of geographical features in London. Explore seasonal weather patterns in London. Identify and explain advantages/disadvantages of living in London.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>States of matter Grouping solids, liquids and gases. Understand that some solids behave like liquids</p>

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	Identify effective conductors and insulators of temperature. Describe what happens when two or more substances are mixed.
Physical Education	Netball and Gymnastics Pass and catch the ball accurately Understand and follow basic netball rules Work as part of a team Develop a sequence using jumping and landing/develop a group sequence using balance, travel and jump Perform a sequence of jumping onto, off and over that is remembered and repeated/ perform a sequence of balances, travel and jumps
PSHE - My Happy Mind - Appreciate	The children will learn how to develop an attitude of gratitude at home and at school, and how noticing the good in their lives can create a positive ripple effect of kindness. They will understand how practising gratitude helps strengthen their brain, making it easier to feel thankful over time and how gratitude can support them through challenges by helping problems feel more manageable.
Languages - Spanish	Recognise, recall and remember the 4 seasons in Spanish. Recognise, recall and remember a short phrase for each season in Spanish. Say which season is their favourite in Spanish and attempt to say why using the conjunctions 'y' and 'porque'
RE - Sikhism	Describe the concept of wisdom. Describe how the Gurus show wisdom. Describe the value of Gurus' wisdom to Sikhs. Describe their response to wisdom in their experience Reflect on their response to wisdom in relation to their own and others' lives
Computing	Decompose the key elements of a game Link blocks of code together and check for any coding errors Adding details such as colours and visual effects to add detail

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