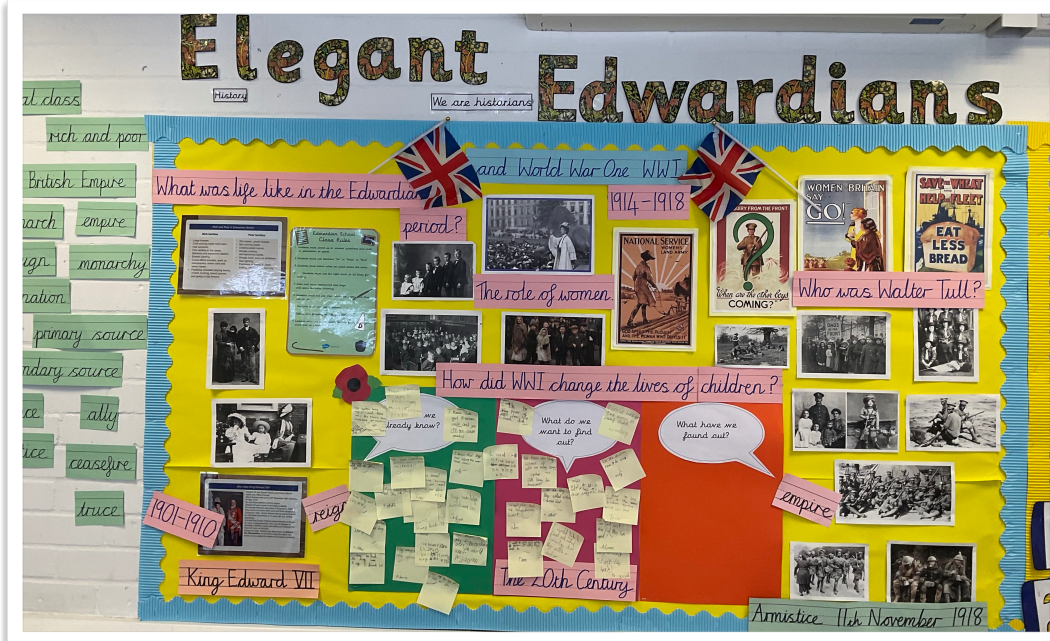




Year 4 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!



IMPORTANT DATES

Parents evening:

Wednesday 11th October and Thursday 12th October.

Last day of half term:

Friday 20th October

Individual Class photographs

30th October

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 4!

We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday. We are looking forward to the year ahead. The class teachers this year are Mrs Luc (4SL), Miss Noble (Mon-Weds) and Mrs Meddings (Thurs-Fri) (Class 4NM), Miss Jackson (Weds-Fri) and Miss Hodgeson (Mon-Tues (4JM) and Mr Field (4NF). If you have any questions, please email the school on sao@herongate.greenwich.sch.uk and we will endeavour to deal with your query as soon as possible. Please find below details of what your child will be learning this half term.

THE ELEGANT EDWARDIANS:

In our history topic, the children will be investigating Britain in the early 20th Century - a turbulent time which led to the First World War. They will find out about the key events and significant changes that occurred in British society in that era. In art, the children will investigate how significant events are remembered by artists in sculptures and make our own memorial. In science, we will be learning about electricity.

English

In English this term, we will be reading 'The Silver Donkey' by Sonya Hartnett, a story which is set in World War One. We will produce a range of writing outcomes related to this book and our history topic. This will include diary entries, recounts, poetry and story writing.

Maths

This half term, we will consolidate our understanding of mental multiplication for the 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables and begin to learn the 7 and 9 times tables. We will develop our knowledge of place value in numbers up to 10,000. We will use addition and subtraction to solve problems. We will also regularly carry out maths investigations to develop the children's enquiry and reasoning skills.

ONLINE SAFETY

We will continue to teach the importance of e-safety when using the internet. Please remind your children of how to stay safe online whenever they use the internet at home.



PE Days: There are two timetabled PE sessions each week, one indoor, one outdoor. In addition, children will run the Daily Mile or do a short exercise session every day. Please ensure your child brings appropriate PE kit on Monday each week to allow for any necessary timetable changes due to weather etc. The kit will be sent home with children either on Friday or on their second PE day if sooner. Indoor PE requires shorts and a white school PE shirt. For outdoor PE, as the weather cools, children need a long-sleeved top / school jumper over their school PE shirt, jogging bottoms and trainers. Children may also wear their trainers for the Daily Mile.

Class 4SL will have outdoor PE on Wednesday and indoor PE on Thursday. Class 4NM will have outdoor PE on Wednesday and indoor PE on Thursday. Class 4JH will have indoor PE on Thursday and Outdoor PE on Friday. Class 4NF will have outdoor PE on Tuesday and indoor PE on Wednesday.

HOME LEARNING

We encourage you to listen to your child **read for 10 minutes every day**. Please record the books your child read in their Reading Champions book and how well they understood it when you discussed any of the following with them: the plot; characters; setting; predictions about what will happen and why. If it is a non-fiction book, you could ask about what facts they found out about and which ones most interested them. They may also read books on Sora, our online library.

Times Tables Rock Stars is the way in which the children practise their times tables. They should use it daily at home. Children do a multiplication check test each week and a focussed times tables test, which also tests their division and missing facts knowledge.

A **Creative Homework** timetable for the half term will be given to you. Children can bring their homework to school or record it on Showbie.

