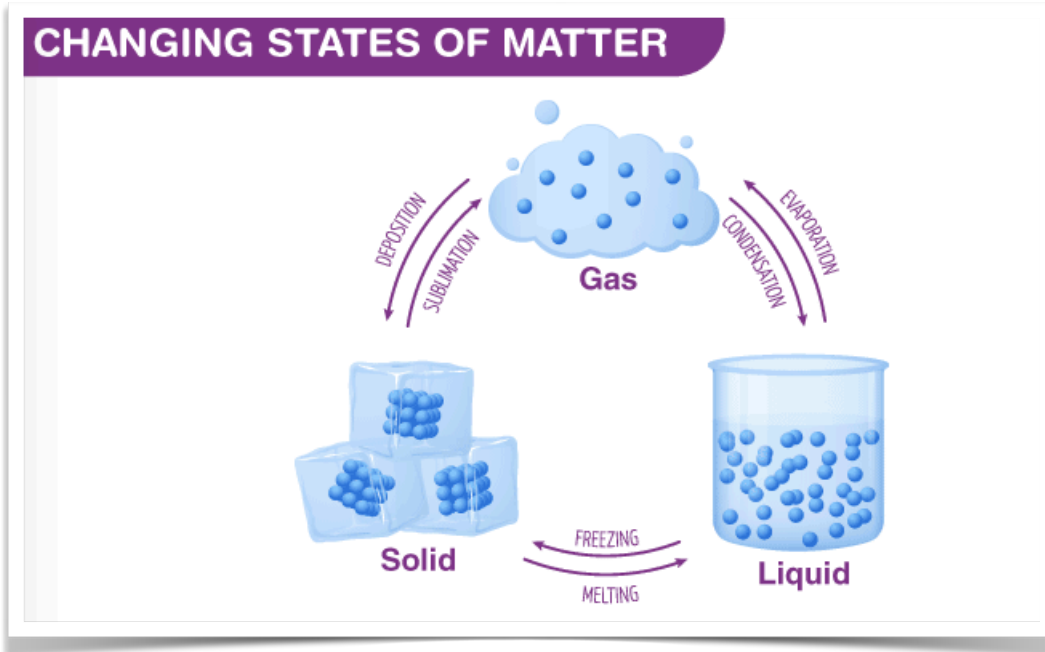




Year 4 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!



Dear Parents,

In Year 4, we have had a very positive and hardworking start to the year - well done everyone! We will be learning about some exciting topics this half term and hope that the children will share these with you through discussions at home. Don't forget, if you have any quick queries, please approach us in the playground after school. If you have any longer questions, please email the school on sao@heronsgate.greenwich.sch.uk and we will endeavour to reply as soon as possible. Please find below details of what your child will be learning this half term.

Mrs Luc, Miss Noble, Mrs Meddings, Miss Hodgson, Miss Jackson and Mr Field

OUTRAGEOUS OUTDOORS & CHANGING STATES:

In our Geography topic, the children will be learning about the human and physical geography of the UK with a focus on counties and comparing Greater London with the contrasting county of Cumbria (in the Lake District). We will also be learning about describing directions from one region or city of the UK to another. In Science, we will be learning about how materials can change state from solid, to liquid, to gas and vice versa.

IMPORTANT DATES

6th - 10th November
Assessment Week

Friday 10th - Wednesday 15th November
Book Fair

Monday 13th November
Odd Socks Day

Monday 11th - Friday 15th December
Christmas Performances - Dates TBC

Monday 18th - Thursday 21st December
Year 4 Christmas parties and lunch - Dates TBC

Thursday 21st December
Last day of term

English

In English this term, we will further develop our descriptive writing based on characters and setting from 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake. This will be followed by persuasive and informational transcript writing for promotional videos of Cumbria.

Maths

This half term, we will consolidate our understanding of mental multiplication for the all the times tables including by multiples of ten. We will be focussing on mental and written multiplication and using this to solve word problems. We will also continue to regularly carry out maths investigations to develop the children's enquiry and reasoning skills.

PE

Please ensure your child brings appropriate PE kit on their PE days. Indoor PE should be shorts and a white PE shirt. As the weather gets cooler, for outdoor PE, children need a long sleeved top and dark tracksuit bottoms. They may also wear suitable gloves for playing sport if they wish. Children may bring trainers each day for our daily exercise.



- Class 4SL has indoor PE on XXXX and outdoor PE on XXXX.
- Class 4NM has outdoor PE on XXXX and indoor PE on XXXX.
- Class 4JH has indoor PE on XXXX and outdoor PE on XXXX.
- Class 4NF has outdoor PE on XXXX and indoor PE on XXXX.

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.

HOME LEARNING

We encourage you to listen to your child **read for 10 minutes every day**. Please record the books and pages your child read in their Reading Champions book. In addition, talk to them about the books they are reading and ask them about: plot; characters; setting; predictions about what will happen and why. They may also read books on Sora, our online library.



Pupils have their own log-in details for **Times Tables Rock Stars**, which 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.

Spellings are set on Friday and tested the following week. Children should practise on **Spelling Shed**.