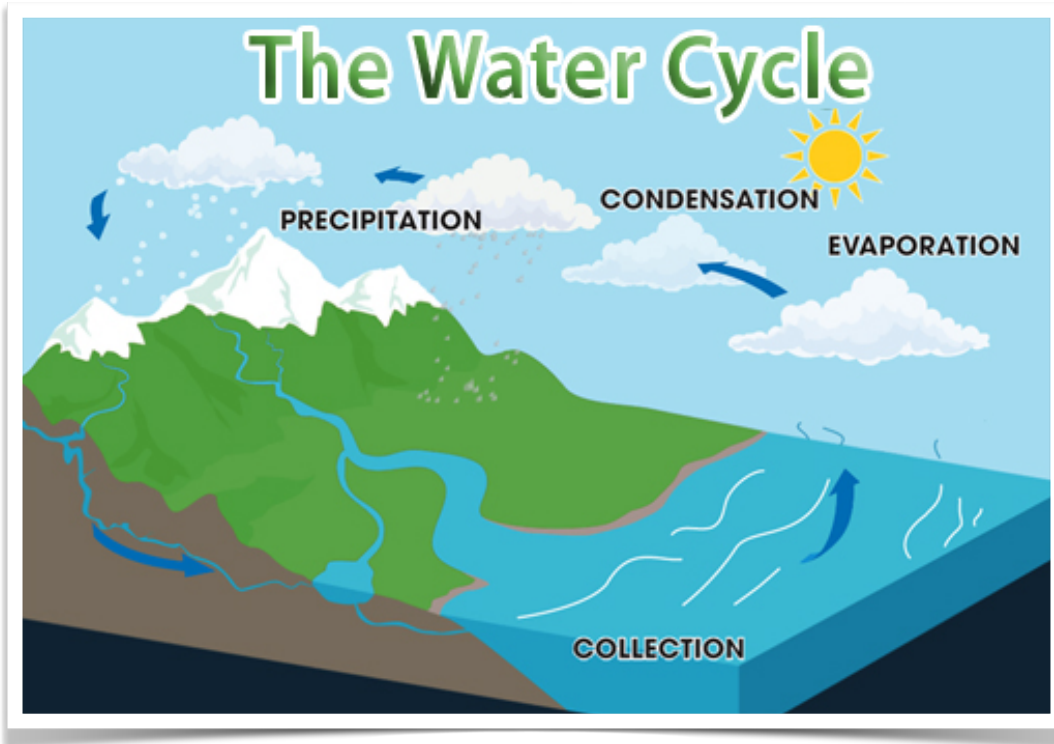




Year 4 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 1st February
 4NF & 4JH visit The Science Museum

Monday 5th February
 4SL & 4NM visit The Science Museum

12th - 16th February
 Half term holiday



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We have a busy and packed half term ahead of us. 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@herongate.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 Nobel, Miss Jackson and Mr Field

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION & THE WATER CYCLE:

In our History history topic, 'Lights, Camera, Action,' the children will be learning about the history of film. They will develop their chronological understanding of when this period took place in relation to other historical periods, people and events they have already learnt about.

In Science, we will be building on our autumn term work on 'Changing State,' to apply our understanding of evaporation and condensation to 'The Water Cycle.' In Art we will be designing film posters in the style of Saul Bass. In Computing we will learn about film making skills and applying them using iMovie.

English

In English this term we will concentrate on non-fiction writing. We will learn and apply techniques for writing persuasive adverts and information leaflets.

Maths

By now your child should be proficient in ALL their times tables. Please ensure you practise them often with your child. We will continue to test them weekly in preparation for the National Multiplication Check test in the summer term. In class we will be focussing on mental and written division and starting fractions. We will frequently apply our learning to problem solving.

PE

Please ensure your child brings appropriate PE kit on their PE days. Indoor PE should be shorts and a white PE shirt. In cold weather, 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.



- This half term:
- Class 4SL have indoor PE on Tuesdays and outdoor PE on Mondays.
- Class 4HH have outdoor PE on Thursdays and indoor PE on Fridays.
- Class 4AJ have indoor PE on Wednesdays and outdoor PE on Fridays.
- Class 4NF have indoor PE on Fridays and outdoor PE on Tuesdays.

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.

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.

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

