



Year 4 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring 2 term. As always as the signs of spring start to appear, 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 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 Jackson, Miss Hodgson and Mr Field

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 4th March
Book Week

**Friday 1st March
-Wednesday 6th
March**
Book Fair

**Thursday 7th
March**
World Book Day

Friday 15th March
Red Nose Day

**Wednesday 20th
and Thursday 21st
March**
Parents Evenings

**Thursday 28th
March**
Last day of school

RATATOUILLE: THE GEOGRAPHY OF PROVENCE IN FRANCE & SOUND IN SCIENCE:

In our Geography topic of 'Ratatouille', the children will be learning about the geography of Provence in France and comparing and contrasting it with that of London and Paris. They will develop their understanding of the human and physical features of this area and how humans impact the environment. They will be finding out what makes it unique and special and how humans can preserve or even improve this region through positive actions. In Science, we will be learning about the nature of 'Sound' and how sound travels and is heard. We will devise and carry out investigations and also discuss how to protect our ears from excessive sound. In music, we will focus on the French composer, Claude Debussy. In art, we will learn about and imitate the style of the French artist, Dora Maar. We will extend our understanding of what the internet and World Wide Web are and how to look after ourselves online

English

In English this term we will concentrate on narrative writing. We will learn about how to develop character and setting descriptions, build suspense and show how a character feels through what they say and do.

Maths

As you know, your child should be proficient in ALL their times tables by now. Please ensure you keep practising them often with your child. We will still continue to test them weekly in preparation for the National Multiplication Check test in the summer term. In class we will be focussing on decimals, including the place value of tenths and hundredths, their relationship to fractions and 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.

- Class 4SL and 4NF will have outdoor PE on both Tuesdays and Thursdays this term.
- Class 4NM will have outdoor PE on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays this half term.
- Class 4AJ have outdoor PE on Wednesdays and indoor PE on Thursdays this half term

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 reads 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** with which they can practise their times tables. They should use it daily at home. Children do a multiplication check test each week and a focused 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**.

