



# HIGHGATE

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Year 4 Newsletter

#### Autumn 2

Dear parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term.

Our exciting new topic this half term is *Sound and Vision*, which is all about light, sound and electricity. On our In-Day, the children explored a carousel of exciting science investigations. They designed shadow puppets, built electrical circuits, made rice 'dance' using sound vibrations, used mirrors to see around corners, played a tune using empty bottles and water, communicated through cup and string telephones and separated salt and pepper using static electricity! The children loved it and came up with a huge number of scientific questions which we will investigate over the course of the half term.

#### Reading

The most important thing you can do to support your child's academic progress in Year 4 is to read with them at home. Although the children read independently in school daily, sharing a book with you every night (so you take it in turns to read a paragraph and discuss what is going on in the story and between the lines) is very powerful. Please ask us if you need book suggestions or try the Year 4 reading list here: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-4/>

#### English

In writing this half term we focus on newspaper reports, diary recounts and writing science fiction. All the work we do is linked to our topic to spark the children's interest and develop their topic vocabulary. It would be helpful if your child could read some children's news about science on a regular basis, to support their learning. They can try the BBC Newsround website, or there are some wonderful newspapers and magazines available for children. We recommend First News, The Week Junior and Science & Nature magazine (from The Week Junior). The websites for the Science Museum and Natural History Museum also have good news sections for kids.

#### Maths

In maths this half term we will be looking at area of shapes, followed by multiplication and division. Knowing times tables really well, so that they have instant recall of the multiplication facts (e.g.  $4 \times 5 = 20$ ,  $5 \times 4 = 20$ ) and the division facts (i.e.  $20 \div 4 = 5$ ,  $20 \div 5 = 4$ ) has a huge impact on your child's confidence in maths. Please prompt them to sing their times tables, chant them, recite them, and dance along to them as often as possible. Asking them to answer times tables questions every day as you walk or drive to school can be very effective!

As well as using the TTRockstars website, BBC Teach has good videos that your child can join in with to make times tables more fun: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4>



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## Homework

Homework will continue to be set each Friday on Google Classroom and often on MyMaths and Spelling Shed. Please upload your child's work to the homework assignment on Google Classroom by Wednesday each week.

## PE

This half term we will be continuing swimming on Wednesday mornings. We will also be doing athletics. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit every week, which includes a swimming cap and correct costume. They also need to come to school with long hair tied back on swimming days.

## Whole Class Instrument Tuition

4KP will continue to have violin lessons on Tuesdays and 4EH to have clarinet and trumpet lessons on Wednesdays this half term. The children are really enjoying their playing and are making good progress. We will be having our first concerts soon (see key dates below).

## Volunteers

If you are able to help with cookery or the trip this half term, please add your name to your class's Google Sheet below. Your support is hugely appreciated and makes these experiences possible!

### 4EH:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19G1GxjBORhtqiFYspAYmAQfMHzaV5IVzeBnF8bB5IFg/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

### 4KP:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1z916wEX\\_deUmPN5OzxPDLDf0uEWTELEl-VfWLVbMlhk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1z916wEX_deUmPN5OzxPDLDf0uEWTELEl-VfWLVbMlhk/edit?usp=sharing)

## Cookery groups

### 4EH

**Red:** Aleks, Cass, Charlotte, Erhan, Georgie, Lillian, Lola, Mateo, Meryem, Myles, Noah, Rohan, Ryan, Seby, Violet, Yuri

**Blue:** Art, Bella, Ben, Finlay, Gracie, Karis, Malik, Maya, Niamh, Ophelia, Otis, Pablo, Rayan, Robyn, Tobias, Yaren

### 4KP

**Red:** Tedo, Suleimane, Paloma, Noah, Claire, Heath, Buddy, Faezeh, Melvah, Liri, Ayla, Alice, Alia, Louise, Frida, Elena

**Blue:** Jamie, Jasper, Freyja, Zubaid, Leonie, Isken, Luke, Louis, Marta, Gili, River, Bella, Lucas, Lana, Matteo, Leo

## Key Dates:

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Highgate Art Fair <a href="https://highgateartfair.co.uk/">https://highgateartfair.co.uk/</a>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	MHST Parent Workshop - Emotional Regulation for Children - 10am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Workshop – A Peaceful School run – online 12 – 1pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Trip to the Science Museum
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultation evening 4:00pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent consultation evening 6:00pm



Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	4KP Cooking <b>Red</b> 9:30-12:00
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	4KP Violin concert 2:45pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	4EH Trumpet and clarinet concert 2:45pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	4EH Cooking <b>Red</b> 9:30-12:00
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 2.00 pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	4KP Cooking <b>Blue</b> 9:30-12:00
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	4KP Christmas Show 2.00 pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	4EH Cooking <b>Blue</b> 9:30-12:00
	4EH Christmas Show 2.00 pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends - 1:30pm

If you need to speak to one of us about anything, large or small, please do catch us in the playground before or after school, or alternatively please do email us to make a date for a longer meeting.

Best wishes,

**The Year 4 Team**



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