



Old Palace Year 4 Newsletter Summer 1

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Year 4 Learning this Half Term

English	Maths	Topic	Computing	DT	RE	PE
Stories in Imagined World	Decimals	Britain 1939-1950	Making a controller	Structures	Why do some people think life is a journey?	Dance
Letters from the War	Money		Art			Cricket
			People in Art			

Below is some key information for your child's year group. Please take time to read the newsletter with your child and keep it in a safe place.

Keeping Safe

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents for your support in following the safety procedures. Please continue to follow the guidance including carrying out twice weekly tests at home. Home testing kits for families with primary school children are available at most chemists and can be ordered from [Schools home test kits](#). Remember these kits are only for use when family members have **NO** symptoms. If you or anyone in your household have symptoms **everyone** in the household must self-isolate immediately must book a PCR test by calling NHS 119 or by visiting [book a pcr test](#)

Please also remember that children should not be mixing outside of school. If you are making use of external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for your children, it is important that they limit the amount of providers/ setting you are using, ideally limiting this to just one, to help minimize the number of people their child is coming into contact with. Parents should also check that the provider has in place their own protective measures in line with government guidance. Please see this link to [guidance for parents](#). The school is taking great care to limit contacts within school time, please do not undermine this by allowing children from different households or bubbles to mix out of school.

Nourish

Our new catering company, Nourish, will be providing our lunches. In addition to a meat/fish and a vegetarian option, the children will also have the option of choosing a jacket potato and topping each day. All children will also receive a hot meal, rather than some years having to have a packed lunch bi-weekly. The new menu has been uploaded to the school website or you can click [here](#).

New Covid Roadmap

The government have announced that we are entering step 2 of the road map out of lockdown. This entails the following:



If things go well, step 2 will start on Monday, 12 April.

Shops will open, including:



- hairdressers and nail salons



- libraries and community centres



- zoos and theme parks



- drive-in cinemas



- campsites and holiday cottages.



Indoor gyms will open up - but you have to go on your own or with people in your household.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table outside. You should keep to your household group or bubble.



You can have up to 30 people at a funeral and up to 15 people at a wedding, or an event to remember someone.



You should still keep 2 metres away from people.

For the full roadmap, please click [here](#).

Pick up times

Starting next Monday 19th April, we are making some changes to our collection time.

If you have children in more than one-year group, they will all need to be picked up at 3pm at the same gate as their morning drop off. For example, if you have a child in Year 1 and 4, both children will need to be picked up at 3pm (instead of the earlier time of 2:45pm).

If you have children in Years 3 and 5 only, then the collection time stays the same (3:15pm)

Children cannot go home with their Year 6 sibling. They will need to be picked up at their designated collection time.



Assessment and Catch up

Although the government has announced that no SATs will take place this year, we continue to assess the children's knowledge and understanding during lessons. This gives the teachers a greater understanding of the areas the children need to focus on and identify any gaps in the learning. In order to help the children, catch up, we will be having 3 sets for English and Maths and range of other interventions will take place, where the children who need most support are taken out to work in a small group for 30 minutes; one example of this is a maths booster, where children will go through the key strategies and method in smaller groups and practice using them to become more confident.

In terms of the wider curriculum, no special support is needed in Science and Humanities, as topics repeat. To catch up, in year 4, in June, they will go swimming every day for two weeks. We will be holding two DT days before the end of term to catch up on this subject.

Trips

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, trips are not happening this half term. However, as restrictions continue to ease, we do hope to resume swimming for Year 4 and Year 5 students in June and provide an end of year trip for each year group.

Vocabulary

Every day, Year 4 have the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, by taking part in 'Word of the Day'. Below are the words they will be looking at this half term. Help your child to use these words and to check they understand what they mean

Week 2	recreation	beck	nauseous	shouldering
Week 3	implications	commence	nimble	stagnant
Week 4	access	companion	debacle	grave
Week 5	stability	conceal	participant	discontent
Week 6	enforce	concertated	quirky	temptation

Half Termly Sheets

Don't forget you can check out our school website to find out about what your child will be learning, use the 'subject for half term' area where you will find useful prompts to ask your children what they have been learning.

<https://oldpalaceprimary.co.uk/our-learning/subjects/>

Topic

This half term, Year 4 will be learning about **Britain 1939-1950**. As part of this unit, they will be looking at WWII, focusing on local history. They will look at ways in which Britain prepared for war, the roles of men and women during the war and what it was like to be evacuated. They will focus on how the local area, looking at the Blitz and areas around Bromley-By-Bow that were affected. They will learn about what rationing is and how families had to ration during war time.

Homework

Year 4 will receive homework via Google Classroom. These will be uploaded every Friday they are expected to complete the following:

- Weekly spellings
- English Grammar or Reading Comprehension
- Maths

Reading

New Bug books have been allocated for the children to read. Please remind your child to access their account each week to read one of their books and complete the quizzes at the end. Each child also has a weekly library book. These are sent home on a Friday and are returned on a Monday, 10 days later.

Maths

Each child has a times table rock stars account to help them with their time tables. They can log on using their username and password, via the following link.

<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student/45687>

Please email or call the school if you need the log in details.

E-safety

As children are using digital devices to access information and complete their homework, please remember to ensure they are using them safely. For tips and advice on how to do this click [here](#) for a simple guide.

It covers the use of social media (for children 13 years and over), risks of online gaming, and use of parental controls.

Eid

At present, it is predicted that Eid-UI-Fitr will fall on Thursday 13th May. If this is the case, the school will be closed for that day, followed by an inset day on Friday 14th May.

Should Eid-UI-Fitr occur on Wednesday 12th May, then their Eid party at school will be on Thursday 13th May. If it falls on Thursday 13th May, their party will be on Monday 17th May.

