



## Old Palace Year 4 Newsletter Summer 2

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### Year 4 Learning this Half Term

English	Maths	Topic	Computing	DT	RE	PE
Recounts	Position, direction and Movement	States of Matter	Sketch up	Wood	Why do some people think life is a journey?	Swimming
Poetry	Number Recap		<b>Art</b>			
			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.

#### Trips

Should restrictions continue be lifted we intend to take each year group on an end of year trip. We will take the children in KS2 to Thriftwood in Brentwood as part of their end of year trip. Year 4's prospective trip day is: **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. Activities they will participate will include: Postman's Walk, Archery, Water Roller and Pedal Cars. This trip including transport will be paid for by the school.

#### Evaluation

Our school will be taking part in the evaluation of the National Tuition programme. For more information, please click [here](#). If you are happy for your child's data to be used for this evaluation, **you do not need to return the reply slip**.

#### School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming to school on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

Please ensure your child is in **full school uniform**. Siblings will have their photograph taken together.

#### New Covid Roadmap

As of the 17th May, the current government guidance states the following:

From Monday, 17 May:

- you can meet who you like outdoors
- but you can't meet people in a group of over 30 people.

We will look at whether it is OK to closer to people. We will look at whether it is OK to hug people.

Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside.

Other indoor places will also open, like cinemas, children's play areas, hotels and bed and breakfast places.

Some larger outdoor sports and shows will be able to have people watching.

Up to 30 people will be able to go to weddings, funerals and events to remember someone.

The government will potentially announce further changes around the 21st June. For the full roadmap, please click [here](#).

#### 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.

#### After school clubs

We are in the process of sorting out after school clubs for this half term. We will be writing to you shortly with the details of these. Please reply back to the letter if you would like your child to attend a club.

#### Summer Fete

The annual Summer Fete will be on **Friday 16th July 2021**. However due to COVID, there will be restrictions in place. Should you have any queries, please look out for an invite for a zoom coffee morning where these can be answered.



### Summer Term Reminder

As the weather heats up, please help us to keep the children hydrated by providing them with a bottle of water (not frozen) to bring to school each morning, a sun hat/sun glasses and if required apply sunscreen before they come to school. If you are unsure about Summer school uniform, examples including photographs can be found on our school website. We understand that many children will prefer to wear sandals at this time, these should be **plain** and need to be **sturdy with a top and back strap** to avoid accidents caused by them breaking or slipping off. When wearing open sandals, ankle **socks must also be worn**, so the child's feet are not bare. When children are not wearing sandals, please ensure they are wearing black shoes (not trainers).



### Topic

This half term, Year 4 will be learning about **States of Matter**. As part of this unit children will begin by looking at different materials and their properties. They will then look at the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Children will learn about what happens when we heat and cool solids, liquids and gases and the changes that they go through. Children will look at the water cycle, understanding the importance of the water cycle and how climates are different around the world. They will develop their understanding of conductors and insulators.

### 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

These need to be submitted every Monday.

### Healthy Living Week and Sports Day

In **week beginning 12th July**, we will hold our annual Healthy living week. This will be a sequence of activities pupils take part in, which involves them learning and understanding the importance of a healthy life style. The week will also include sporting activities, where pupils take part in competitive games. Pupils will be divided between 4 teams to compete in various sports games.

KS2 sports day held at Three Mills Field. The winning team will be announced before the end of term. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.



### 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 1	precise	conserve	vigorously	uniform
Week 2	pursue	consist	pompous	incentive
Week 3	exposed	constant	phenomenal	fatal
Week 4	decline	consume	exhilarating	trubulent
Week 5	modify	contribute	obnoxious	submit
Week 6	source	adjust	dilligently	migrate

### 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/>

### 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.

### Spellings

Each week new spelling words will be uploaded onto classroom monitor for the children to practice. They will then be tested on these words in class the following week. Please support your children in practicing their spellings, by getting them to: **Look, say, cover, write, check.**

All of the children will also be completing a Medium Frequency spelling test. This will check their spellings of their KS2 medium frequency words. Copies of the test will be sent home. Please help them practice any words they are not yet spelling correctly.

### Maths

Each child has a times table Rockstars 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.

