



## Old Palace Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 2

Year Lead: Ms McClelland, Teachers: Ms Din (4D) and Ms Mumin (4M), Support Staff: Mr Boyce

### Maths

Please see below the maths topics this half term:

- 1. Measures: Perimeter** – We will begin this half term by looking at perimeter of different shapes, including rectangles and rectilinear shapes.
- 2. Multiplication and Division** – We will then move on to look at written and mental strategies for multiplication and division. Beginning by looking at multiples of 10 and 100, then moving on to looking at multiplying and dividing by 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12, which will support them in continuing to learn their times tables.

Useful Links: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths->

### English

Please see below the order of topics the children will be focusing on this half term:

- 1. Dilemma Stories** – We will begin this half term by reading the story Secret Friend by Pete Johnson, which is a story about standing up to bullying. The children will use inspiration from the story to then write their own dilemma stories that are set in a school.
- 2. Explanation Texts** - We will then be looking at explanation texts related to their science topic on volume and pitch. The children will learn about the structure of an explanation text and do research through their science lessons to then write their own explanations texts about pitch and volume and on 'How Electricity is generated to make light bulbs/circuits work'.

### Other Subjects

**Music**- Glockenspiels  
**MFL**- Ma Famille  
**Computing**- Google Slides: Branching stories  
**Science** – Static electricity, circuits, switches, conductors & insulators, sound, volume and pitch  
**RE**- Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?  
**PE**- Tag Rugby and Dance  
**PSHE**- Celebrating differences  
**DT** – Mechanisms

### Oracy

This half term the oracy targets we are working on are:  
**Group Work:** taking on different roles in a group, including others and recognising their efforts.  
**Describing:** Uses complex sentences to provide a full and detailed description.

### Trips

This half term year 4 will be visiting the Science Museum to link to their topic on **Electricity and Sound**. At the museum they will be visiting the 'Electricity Zone' to learn more about electricity and looking at some hands on experiments.

**Date:** 4M Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
4D Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Cost of the trip: Free**



### PE

The children need to bring in their PE bag each day when they have PE. Year 3 have PE on a **Monday and Tuesday afternoon** please ensure they have the appropriate kit and footwear. Children will need to have trainers to take part in PE.

### Vocabulary

Word of the day: here are the new vocabulary words we will be introducing to the children this half term. You may wish to practice these words at home!

Week 1	previous	definite	exterior	incensed
Week 2	features	voluntary	extract	foreboding
Week 3	region	phenomenon	famine	escapade
Week 4	participate	isolate	jubilant	sufficient
Week 5	potential	reinforce	gratitude	suspend
Week 6	resplendent	widespread	grieve	torment
Week 7	contract	restore	guarantee	tranquil

### Anti-Bullying Week

This year Anti-Bullying Week will take place from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, with Odd Sock Day taking place on the Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November! The theme for Anti-Bullying week this year is 'Respect'. All week children will be taking part in activities to raise awareness about bullying. We also have a parent coffee morning on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9:10am, where Mrs Bowley will be talking through our Bullying procedures at Old Palace and what the children will be learning about throughout the week.

### Children in Need Week

Next week we will be raising money for Children in Need. In addition, we also be carrying out fund raising for the charity 'Doctors without Borders,' which provides medical support outside the UK. The School Council have put together a fantastic plan to raise money for these causes. A number of events have been organized to help raise as much money as possible, and with your help, we hope to beat last year's amazing total!

### School Business Manager

We have appointed a new school business manager. We welcome Anita Kirnon to the Old Palace team and look forward to working with her!

### Key dates

**Children in Need:** Money 11<sup>th</sup>- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
**Anti-Bullying Week:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
**Odd Socks Day:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
**Parent Consultations:** December – Date TBC