



# Plumcroft Primary School

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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome you to the Spring Term 2023 and hope that your New Year has started well. We hope you have all had a lovely winter break and we are looking forward to lots of exciting learning experiences this term.

Our School Day **starts at 8:40am** with valuable reading lessons and a chance for children to respond to their teacher's marking – so please make sure that your child is on time and ready to start learning!

### PE

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE uniform on the following days:

4TH – Monday  
4A & 4T – Tuesday  
4H - Wednesday  
4M – Thursday

In **Literacy** this term, Year 4 will be reading a range of texts including *David Litchfield's 'The Bear and the Piano'* and *Malorie Blackman's 'Operation Gadgetman'*. We will be writing a variety of text types, including letters, diary entries, instructions, stories and poetry. We will be focusing on punctuation and handwriting, ensuring letter formation is correct.

Your child will need to read their AR books for at least 25 minutes **every day** (sometimes aloud to you) and practise spellings.

### You can help by...

- \*Asking your child what text type they are writing and getting them to explain the features of that text type.
- \*Reading with your child as often as possible, asking them detailed questions about the text and what they think will happen next.
- \*Practising spellings from the Year 3/4 list provided and others given by class teachers and using these words in context.
- \*Helping your child online to explore read non-fiction books on **myON** using their logins.



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In **Maths** this term, Year 4 will continue to learn place value, the four operations and explore word problems. We will develop mental maths strategies in class.

The children will also apply this knowledge to real-life problems.

Please ensure that your child regularly practises their times tables with a focus on 6x, 7x, 8x and 9x and how these facts link to division.

Every child has a **Mathletics** username and login. These should be used regularly.

### You can help by...

\*Asking your child what methods and facts they have learned in maths and encouraging them to demonstrate these to you.

\*Practising quick-fire multiplication tables and the associated division facts e.g.  $4 \times 9 = 36$ , so  $9 \times 4 = 36$ ,  $36 \div 9 = 4$  and  $36 \div 4 = 9$

\*Helping your child online to explore **Mathletics** using their logins. Again, revise the learning that has been recently covered rather than trying to explore new topics.

In **Science** this term, Year 4 will be investigating 'Sound'. Later in the term, we will be learning about 'Electricity'. The children will participate in various experiments where they will be asked to work collaboratively and use scientific vocabulary.

### You can help by...

\*Asking your child what they have been learning about and reading up on these using **myON**, science books and websites.

\*Encouraging your child to demonstrate any practical investigations that we have explored in the classroom.

\*Watching and discussing, as a family, science and nature documentaries on TV.

In **History** this term, Year 4 will be learning about 'The Kingdom of Benin'. We will be learning about how the kingdom was formed, how the Oba showed wealth and uncovering stories from plaques. Later this term, they will be learning about life during the 'Industrial Revolution' and important developments during this period.

### You can help by...

\*Asking your child to share what they have learnt about Benin, the rich history of the time and how we know about it today

\*Reading books on **myON** about The Industrial Revolution and how it changed Britain forever

\*Research using books and websites.

If you have any other questions or concerns about your child's education, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us or direct enquires to our leadership team:

Year 4 Group Leader - Miss Ali - [sali@plumcroft.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:sali@plumcroft.greenwich.sch.uk)

Assistant Head Teacher for KS2 - Mr Witham - [dwitham@plumcroft.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:dwitham@plumcroft.greenwich.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ali, Mr Hetherington, Ms Hoque, Mr Mulligan, Miss Twist

