



**Heathland
School**

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. The children have returned looking very smart in their school uniform and are ready to continue with their learning. Please ensure that all uniform, including plimsolls and ties, are named so that it can be returned quickly if misplaced.

Year 4 have PE on Monday and Tuesday. PE is part of the National Curriculum so the children must have their PE kit in school every week on these days. Kit can be kept in cupboards in each classroom and then be taken home to be washed at half-term. The correct PE kit is: navy-blue shorts, white t-shirt, plimsolls/trainers. Track-suit bottoms and tops can be worn outside when it is cold. These should preferably be navy-blue.

Home learning will be set every week on a Friday and will be due in on the following Tuesday. Home learning is an important part of a child's learning. Therefore, it is essential to establish a routine with this and ensure that it is completed on time and as well as possible. The activities set encourage the children to challenge themselves, and are all linked to their class learning. Children should read daily with an adult for at least 10 minutes. Each class will visit the school library weekly to borrow books.

We encourage children to bring in a water bottle every day, and they can also bring in a piece of fruit to eat at playtime.

We have some exciting activities planned for the children. Shortly, we will be visiting St Mary's Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill. This visit will add to our annual visits to places of worship and will help to develop the children's understanding of what is taught in the classroom. Our Topic for this half-term is, 'What Makes a Hero?' The children will consider this question and visitors will come in to talk to the children. In Maths, we will begin by visiting place value and will then move on to develop mental and written strategies using the four operations. Our focus in English will be looking at punctuation, grammar, vocabulary and spelling, leading to the children writing in a variety of genres including a biography and a narrative.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year. Please see us if you have any queries and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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