

Year 4—Autumn 1 Term Newsletter

- Must bring to school:
- Literacy folders
 - Reading records
 - School bags
 - Please come to school wearing your PE Kit **on Monday and Thursday**

Topic
Yo, Me Moi!



Traits
Self-regulation, Celebrating differences, Positive Relationships, Perseverance, Healthy mind, Social responsibility and Understanding others

- Homework
- Reading—(10 minutes each day and write at least two entries in the diary each week—one from an adult)
 - Times table Rockstars and/or Numbots
 - Spellings—10 each week
 - Logins have been stuck into reading records (inside page).

Children now have their Literacy Folder with a reading book in. They need to bring it in each day.

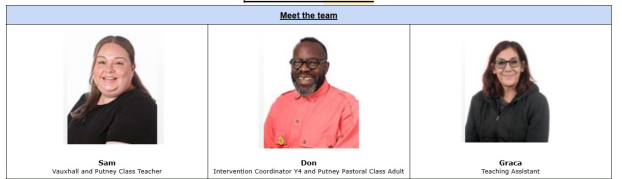
Communication
We use ClassDojo regularly as our main way of communicating with you. Please continue to send us your Wow Moments, pictures and messages.

Our team:



Important dates
Tuesday 16th September -
Colourscape Workshop at Clapham Common—more info is coming on this trip on Dojo next Monday! If you are available to come and help please let me know.

Children need to be in school at 8:30am each morning! Between 8.30-8.45am we do early morning work which includes key skills and helps settle children so they are ready for our first lesson at 8.45am.



Personal, Social, Character Development

The traits that we will be focusing on this term are...Self-regulation, Celebrating differences, Positive Relationships, Perseverance, Healthy mind, Social responsibility and Understanding others.

We will also be using our four R's more to talk about our character : **Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient and Reflective.**

History, Geography & Social Understanding

Our topic this term lends itself very well to these areas of the curriculum. Our primary focus is on children learning more about themselves, their families and how their cultures are similar and different. In addition, they will look at different careers and pathways as they move through school. For geography, the focus is on the UK and it's counties, countries and rivers. The children will be looking at issues within their local community as well as important issues and movements around the world. In Spanish, we will be doing the unit My Town- exploring how to say and write about where we live in Spanish.

Science and Technological Understanding

Our focus for Science this term will be...

The human body - specifically the digestive system and how it works. We will also be investigating nutrition and the kinds of foods that make our bodies work at their best. To support this learning at home you could talk about the kinds of foods you have for dinner and the importance of a balanced diet. We will also be recapping teeth human and animal teeth.

We will also be looking at healthy minds, linking this to our PSCD trait and thinking about how we can promote this in our own lives.

Understanding the Arts

During this term, linked to their topic, children will have the opportunity to explore a variety of artistic skills whilst creating self-portraits, particularly the use of collage such as coiling and montage. Their focus artist will be Picasso. They will also be looking at and listening to a different musician every week covering a range of genres.



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Computing

In computing this term we will be focusing on E-Safety! We will be producing a brochure to help teach the children in Key Stage 1 how to be safe online.

We will also be reviewing our acceptable use policy and thinking about sensible amounts of screen time.

Our computing unit this term is *Computing systems and Networks: The internet*, we will be learning all about the world wide web and how it works!

Understanding English, Communication & Language

We will be doing lots of lovely writing this term including; poetry, letter, character description, a short story and an information text.

Our primary written outcome this term will be a recount of our trip to the Colourscape Workshop in Clapham Common. In the first term, we will be focussing on securing all of our key grammatical skills and securing understanding of the basic punctuation and grammar rules that will allow children to produce excellent pieces throughout the year.

Mathematical Understanding

This term, the most important focus will be on ensuring children are secure with their place value and number facts as well as introducing them to new and more formal strategies for addition and subtraction. This will be through a mixture of arithmetic and reasoning contexts and there will be lots of challenges available.

We will also be getting started with Rockstar Maths or Numbots and encouraging children to learn their times tables. Later in Year 4, the children will take the statutory times tables check so it is important they are practising regularly.

The children's log ins are the same as last year and will be stuck into the inside cover of their reading records.

Understanding Physical Health

PE this term will be focusing on

Fundamental Movement Skills and Cricket

Please make sure children come to school in their PE kit on a **Monday and Thursday.**