



# ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL Y4 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Year 4 Class newsletter—full of key information for the term ahead. This term, our context for learning is:

*What did the Romans do for us?*

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## English

We are starting off the year with short descriptions based on 'The Barnabus Project' by The Fan Brothers. Later in the term, we will create character descriptions and narratives based on the 'The Annoying Elephant' by David Williams. We will also be writing setting descriptions and poems and continue with simple punctuation and using a variety of conjunctions in our writing. The class will be learning spellings in a variety of ways linked to our current learning.

## Maths

In Maths, we will further extend the children's knowledge of place value, the use of the 4 operations, statistics, measures, as well as problem solving. In addition, we will be building on the children's recall of times tables up to 12x12 and related number facts. Please support your child by practising the times tables with them. We will also be learning about Roman Numerals.

## History or Geography

This term we will be learning about the Romans and Celts. There are two main strands to this topic: What did the Romans do for us and were the Celts really so cut-throat? We encourage children to do extra home learning which will be set using Google Classrooms and share any research with us.

## Science

This term we will be learning about Sound. This will include understanding how sound travels through the air and different mediums, and then into our ears. The children will be carrying out experiments to answer scientific questions. Next half term, we will be learning about Electricity, how to use it safely and create working circuits that help us understand how electrons flow to make an electrical device work. This will link in brilliantly with our D&T project in this half term about Torches.



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## Music

The children's music curriculum in Year 4 will be covered through Djembe drumming lessons every Wednesday afternoon. Children will learn a variety of beats and rhythms.

## PE

This term the children will be learning gymnastics during indoor PE, practicing our balancing skills and our understanding of movement, shape and form. For outdoor PE, led by the coach, the children will learn how to play tag rugby and the skills of accurate passing, movement and position.

## Art

This term we will be focussing on developing the children's sketching skills and mark making. We will be learning to draw portraits, through studying the style and techniques of Vincent Van Gogh.

## DT

We will be designing, making and evaluating Torches, which will link in with our second science topic about Electricity.

## Computing

During the Autumn Term, we will begin by learning about e-safety and staying safe online. Then we will revise basic skills, followed by "We are Meteorologists". The children will have the opportunity to be weather reporters; working in groups to research weather patterns. They will then follow this next half term by learning how to be 'Software Developers'.

## French

Children in Year 4 will start by reviewing greetings and move on to naming and describing activities and games using the correct vocabulary and complete statements.

## RE

This term we will be learning about Judaism, focussing on Shabbat and the Torah. We will be thinking about developing our knowledge of the religion, but also drawing parallels with all our lives, regardless of our own upbringing.

## PSHE

In Autumn the children will think about 'New Beginnings' and reflect on the events of the last couple of years. They will then continue to learn about 'Democracy' and how it underpins our daily lives.

## Reminders

**Jewellery:** The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. If possible your child should not wear earrings on PE days.

**Uniform:** Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and encourage them to look after their belongings. If you are unsure about school uniform, please look on the school website.

**We endeavour to be a nut free school. Please be aware of this when you prepare your child's lunch box. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, pesto, hummus and products with sesame seeds.**

**Birthdays:** If you would like to make a gift of a book for the class to celebrate your child's birthday, that would be much appreciated.

**Water bottles:** Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle, filled with water, each day.

**PE :** Indoor PE on **Wednesdays**. Please remember your child needs a round neck white short sleeved t-shirt and navy shorts (above the knee).

Outdoor PE for both classes is on **Friday**, for which your child will need a t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers and trainers or plimsolls.

**Until October half term, your child should come in wearing their PE kit on their PE days.**

## Home Learning

Your child will have learning to do at home each week. This will include:

**Mathletics:** This will be set each week on Monday.

**Big Cat books online and books from the class library:** We expect children to read 4-5 times a week and record this in their journal (to be signed by their parent/ Carer)

**Phonics or spellings on Google Classroom:**

The class teacher will add these to the class stream on your Classroom.

The children have some additional challenges provided in the 'Take away tasks' Please bring these in so we can celebrate your child's work at home.

## Important dates



**Horniman Museum Science and Music workshop—  
November**

**Half term**

**Monday 25th  
October – Friday  
29th October**

**Last day of term  
17th December**