



Year 4 Newsletter

What a fantastic and busy Autumn term we have had. The children have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them.

The Light of Christmas

What a brilliant performance, we were so proud of the children. They really rose to the occasion; we were very impressed with how they learnt their lines and sang beautifully. As usual we could not have performed it without the wonderful Mr Barnes, we are very grateful he returned from retirement for us.

Other highlights

In other news, we celebrated 100 years since Armistice Day and World War 1 ended. The children enjoyed a wonderful week of learning about the first world war and we were impressed with the high quality of their work for the exhibition. We hope you saw it and were as proud of them as we were.

We enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks and how they lived and what they left behind. As well as this, we continued to carry out exciting experiments – ask your children if they can tell you about evaporation and condensation.

Most children have been enjoying practising their Times Tables on the Rockstars programme and it is making a real difference, please continue to encourage them to do this.

Thank you

A huge thank you to you - for providing costumes, food for parties, support for homework. The list is endless and we are very grateful. A special thanks, as always goes to our wonderful regular parent readers; your help is invaluable and we really appreciate it.

How Hill

We are very excited to be taking the children to How Hill in March. There are 3 groups going for 2 nights and 3 days. Flamingos class will be split into 3 groups, as there are teachers on every single trip (Mrs Langdon, Mrs Johns, Mrs Johnson and Mr Barnes) who know them extremely well. Flamingos will join the other classes, who remain together and will be accompanied by their class teachers, as well as numerous other staff members. We are very lucky that Mr Barnes has agreed to join us on some of the trips. What would we do without him?

There will be a meeting on Monday 25 February 3:30 – 4pm to tell you the final details and arrangements. Any questions, please feel free to ask your class teachers and we will do our best to answer them.

Year 4 Curriculum - Spring First Half Term

	The children will be learning...
Topic	How we live Judaism and Christianity – who and where, main beliefs and special festivals.
Literacy	<u>Lion and the Unicorn</u> (Adventure story - WW2 theme) Create setting, characters and plot Paragraphs Inverted commas Fronted adverbials <u>Werewolf Club Rules</u> by Timothy Coelho Different forms of poetry Identify language and structure of poems. Recite and perform poems
Numeracy	Place value; Roman numerals; Counting incl. negative numbers; Fractions and decimals; Division; Addition (statistics, measures, money); Area; Position and direction
Science	Electricity Circuits Conductors/insulators
Computing	Programming - coding
P.E.	Gymnastics Football, Rugby and Hockey (Swimming for Flamingo)
Music	Singing – soul and gospel – lean on Me – Bill Withers Keyboards – pitch, rhythm, beat
Art and DT	WWII Cityscape Collages Buzzer game
French	Colours; Numbers; saying your age; classroom objects and instructions; days of the week.
PSHE	Gender Diversity

Events

Church Visit – Wednesday 6th February and Thursday 7th February

General information

Swimming

Flamingos until Friday 8th February.
Hummingbirds starts Friday 1 March.

Key Dates

- Thursday 24th January – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 29th January – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 30th January – PTA Cakes
- Wednesday 6th February – Flamingos and Hummingbirds to visit the church
- Thursday 7th February – Peacocks and Bitterns to visit the church
- Friday 15th February – half term
- Thursday 28th February – How Hill Meeting for parents 3:30 – 4:00pm
- Mon 11 March – Wed 13 March – How Hill Group 1 - Bitterns and Flamingos
- Wed 13 March – Friday 15 March – How Hill Group 2 – Hummingbirds and Flamingos
- Mon 18 March – Wed 20 March – How Hill Group 3 – Peacocks and Flamingos