

# Year 4 – Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back and hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer Holiday! We are looking forward to beginning a new and exciting school year and hope the pupils enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 4 has to offer this term!

This half term our class topic is '*Who is Edward Tulane?*' As part of this topic, children will read the book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane', which is a magical story about the adventures of a lost toy rabbit.

In Literacy, children will explore the story and its characters and will write diaries and letters from the perspectives of different characters.

In Geography, children will learn about the features of villages and cities, collect information about particular villages and cities and explain why people may choose to live in villages and cities. In addition, they will develop their skills in map reading and will use them to plan a journey which is inspired by the travels of Edward Tulane.

In Art, children will develop their skills in drawing and painting, learning how to shade using sketching pencils and how to mix colours using paint. They will also explore how mood can be represented through the use of sketching pencils and paints, and will think about some of the emotions explored in the story of Edward Tulane.

Alongside our class topic, children will be learning Spanish and RE which will be taught in discrete lessons.

This half-term our maths topic is '*Place Value*'. As part of this topic, children will practise counting in different intervals and learn how to read, write, compare, order and round numbers with four digits. Furthermore, they will learn how to partition numbers and how to find numbers which are 1000 more or less. They will also learn how to count beyond 0 to include negative numbers and will develop their knowledge and understanding of Roman numerals.



## **Homework**

### **Reading:**

Children need to read each night. Reading record books will be checked daily. *Please remember to date, comment and sign to show your child has read.*

### **Spellings/ Maths:**

Spellings and Arithmetic homework will be given out each Wednesday and children will be tested each Wednesday. *Please practice spelling and arithmetic with your child.*

### **Learning Logs:**

Every Friday children will be given an open-ended question in their Learning Log to respond to and hand in on Thursday. *Please support your child with their home learning. (Look in the front of the learning log for guidance).*

## **General Reminders...**

- Children's **PE** lesson will be taught on **Wednesdays** with our **Sports Coach**.  
*Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled.*
- Children are allowed to bring their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day.
- *Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.*
- Please check your child's book bag for letters.  
*There will be information coming about our forthcoming trip across London using different modes of transport and the after school clubs on offer this term.*