

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! Welcome back to our returning children and a very warm welcome to any new families joining Yerbury this year.

Our topic this term is **Active Planet**, which involves learning about plate tectonics and natural phenomena such as earthquakes and volcanoes. The majority of the learning will take place during geography lessons but we will, as usual, make connections across the curriculum, with activities inspired by our topic in Art or English, for example. We are really looking forward to starting this exciting topic with the children.

We will be holding a welcome meeting for Year 4 parents next week, on **Friday 15th September from 8:40am - 9:00am**. This will be held in Middle Hall. Please arrive at the office and you will be directed up to the hall from there.

In the meantime, below you will find useful information about your child's new class and our curriculum for this term.

Staffing:

The Year 4 staffing team is as follows:

4A's class teacher is Piers Aitman, supported by Ebony Thomas.

4N's class teacher is Bianca Newcombe, supported by Rosie Coupland.

Teachers' planning time (PPA) will be covered by Andrea Littlewood.

Parent/Carer time:

4A's parent/carer time is after school (**3:45pm – 4.15pm**) on **Mondays** and 4N's is on **Thursdays**, if you have anything you need to discuss. If you are unable to attend at this time, please email the office and we will arrange a time that is mutually convenient.

P.E. and Dance:

Each class will have an outdoor PE session once a week, with additional 'Daily Mile' sessions around three times a week. Year 4 also has a weekly lesson with Jess, our dance teacher, on Fridays. We will alternate which class has dance lessons each half-term. Our P.E., dance and outdoor learning activities mean that children will be outside getting active on a daily basis. **Please make sure your child comes to school each day in suitable footwear and clothing that allows them to run comfortably and safely as children will not be changing for active sessions.**

E: admin@yerbury.islington.sch.uk W: www.yerbury.islington.sch.uk

Yerbury Primary School, Foxham Road, London N19 4RR, Telephone: 020 7272 6580

Headteacher: Cassie Moss

What to bring to school:

Children should ideally bring a labelled water bottle to school each day. They can bring a suitable packed lunch which they are expected to be able to eat independently and within the allocated time; they should be able to open flasks, etc. on their own. Our school is a healthy eating school. This means that packed lunches should be healthy and balanced, with no sweets, chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks. There should also be strictly no nuts in any lunches or snacks brought into school.

Additionally, children can bring a reading book from home to read in school each day and they may take books from the classroom home with them as long as they are brought back to school. Children are allowed to bring bags in again and should hang them on the pegs outside the classroom.

Medicines:

Please make sure we have two sets of medication for your child if they need it. (EpiPen, inhalers, etc) and ensure you have filled in the required forms at the office. Any medication held in school from last year should be checked to ensure it has not expired. Please replace any medication that is no longer within date and inform the school of any changes to your child's medical needs.

Homework:

We will be sending home weekly spelling homework and children should also practice online using their Spelling Shed account. Children will also be set weekly times tables on Times Table Rockstars. Please ensure your child is practising each week.

Class assemblies:

We are pleased to announce this term's class assembly dates:

4A - Thursday 19th October

4H - Thursday 23rd November

Class assemblies begin at **9:20am** promptly and are held in Middle Hall.

We appreciate there is lots of information to take in, and we are aware that not all parents will be able to attend the welcome meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the office and we would be very happy to meet with you or arrange a phone-call to go through any queries.

Best wishes,
Piers, Bianca, Ebony and Rosie

E: admin@yerbury.islington.sch.uk W: www.yerbury.islington.sch.uk

Yerbury Primary School, Foxham Road, London N19 4RR, Telephone: 020 7272 6580

Work hard, play well, learn lots, have fun!