



John Donne Primary School

Woods Road, Peckham, SE15 2SW

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is the information you will need for the Spring Term in Year 4.

Our Year 4 team is:

Red 4	Green 4
Mrs Shuttleworth – Class Teacher	Miss Beasley – Class Teacher
Mrs Sarna – Class teacher	Mrs Ravagnan – Year 4 Teaching Assistant
Mrs Mulumba – Year 4 Teaching Assistant	Ms Brandi – Year 4 SEN support assistant
Mr Dearlove – PPA cover	Mr Ash – PPA cover
Mrs Smyth – PPA cover and SEN support assistant	

Our topic in Spring 1:

'Activism – What impact do our actions have on our environment?'. We will be using the following books to support children's learning: Greta and the Giants, Manfish and What a Waste. Children will be learning about how living things can be grouped in different ways, and how environments can change and the dangers this might pose to animals and plants. We will be creating a campaign to reduce plastic waste within the school and presenting our proposals to school leaders at the end of the half term.

Independent Learning Homework:

Children have an Independent Learning book with a guided list of ideas about our topic. These are just ideas and children are free to explore the project in other interesting and exciting ways should they choose. Reading each day makes a difference to children's learning and progress, so we expect each child to spend 15 minutes reading and to record this in their reading records daily. Parents are asked to sign their child's record book.

Spellings will be set every week to be tested the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to use a dictionary to check the meaning of the words and practice spelling them every day. All children will be expected to practice their times tables.

Trips and workshops:

Each class is visiting Besson Street Garden every other Wednesday to learn about local wildlife. We are also working with the WWF this half term, including the opportunity for the classes to review a new workshops that the charity is introducing to schools around the UK.

PE kits:

Red 4 and Green 4 have PE on Wednesdays. Children should ensure that they bring in their full PE kits and, if they are unable to participate in PE, they should bring a note to explain why.

Other information:

Please remember that school for Year 4 children starts at 8:45am. It is really important they are not missing out on the learning that takes place at this time.

Many thanks for your support,
The Year 4 Team



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