



# SPRING NEWSLETTER

## Year 4

### Dates for your diary

Half term	13.2.17- 17.2.17
World Book Day	2.3.17
World Maths Day	13.3.17
Red Nose Day	17.3.17
Easter Holidays	3.4.17- 17.4.17
Swimming = 4 Ebony	Spring term

### Welcome back...

Welcome back to the New Year at Montem Academy. We hope you all have had a lovely break and are ready for a positive and fun filled 2017 in Year 4.

We would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind you of our school rules and expectations:

**School Day:** Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day. The class teacher will be waiting for the class at 8.45. Every morning begins with a reading session; if your child is consistently late, they will miss out on this vital learning opportunity.

**Uniform:** Children must come to school wearing the correct uniform. Only black, flat shoes are allowed, plain black trainers are acceptable. The correct PE kit must also be worn for PE and Games lessons (Montem logo blue T-shirt, black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms) Children will no longer be allowed to wear designer sports wear. If your child wears a headscarf please ensure that it is plain black, white or navy.

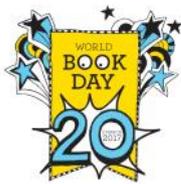
**Jewellery:** Children should not wear any jewellery to school. Only small studs, a watch and items of religious importance are permitted.

**Homework:** It is very important that we work together so that your child can consolidate their skills at home. Please ensure that you encourage and support your child with their homework and hear them read every day.

**Attendance:** It is vital that your child attends school every day in order for them to reach their full potential. The school's expectation for attendance is 96%.

If your child is unable to attend, please make sure that you phone the school office in the morning and everyday thereafter.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
**2nd MARCH**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

We are extremely proud of all our children in year 4 and they have made great progress. In particular:

### Reading

Hadiya (4S)  
Levi (4H)  
Adi (4C)  
Amaan (4E)

### Writing

Khadijha (4S)  
Manhiel (4E)  
Farah (4H)  
Dhamtu (4C)

### Maths

Olivier (4S)  
Serfine (4E)  
Anderson (4H)  
Emir (4C)



**Very well done to all**

## English

This term in English, our focus is to learn to read and write a variety of non-fiction texts. The children read texts as a writer so that they understand the tools used by authors when they write in particular styles.

Then the children look at ways to improve what they have read before writing their own piece based on a variety of subjects. Many children have been quite interested in the way that the tools of story writing - description and detail - can be transferred into non-fiction text.



## Art

In Art this term the children will be exploring various mediums and techniques.



They will have the opportunity to explore different artistic materials to create different objects. This will be part of our cross curricular links with History and Geography.

## Geography

In this unit the children will learn about the differences and similarities of the UK and France. This will include looking closely at the location and characteristics including the human and physical features



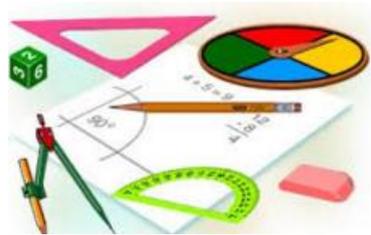
## Mathematics

We continue to teach the new Primary Maths curriculum in Year 4.

We will be covering:

- Time
- Money
- Fractions
- Decimals

Your child has mental arithmetic tests each week and the homework set helps improve the skills needed. Please ensure that your child completes this work each week.



## Computing

This term, the children will be moving onto programming and development. In this topic they will be making their own computer programme.



## Science

### Who am I?

Through this unit children will begin to understand the concept of a habitat, how it provides organisms found there with conditions for life and how animals depend on plants or other animals which eat plants for food.

In this topic the children will be grouping different living things and will also be using keys to identify plants and animals.



Next half term, the children will be exploring electricity and the need for complete circuits. They will enjoy discovering what is needed to make different components work and designing and making switches.

## History

This term in History we are covering the Norman period in British history.

The children will learn about:

- The period during which the Normans conquered England.
- The famous battle that were fought.
- The main claimants to the throne.



During our History Day, we will explore this further.



