

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a restful holiday and are feeling refreshed!

Miss Banu

Key dates:

Meet the teacher: Tuesday 10th September @ 3.30pm
Harvest festival: Wednesday 2nd October @ 10am
Half term: 28th October – 1st November
Inset: Monday 4th November
Parents evenings: Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December
Nativity: Tuesday 17th December
Carol Concert: Wednesday 18th December

Some reminders:

- Our PE slot is on **Monday afternoon**. Please come to school already in your P.E kit. School PE bags are £6 from the office. The correct kit is a navy T-Shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor PE, or black plimsolls for indoor lessons.
- **Arsenal Football with Coach Joseph- children to wear their P.E kit to school every Thursday (Only for the next 6 weeks)**
- Children need to **read every day (10 minutes per day)** and log this in their reading record. These are checked daily. There are prompts to help the children write these at the front of their records. For those on chapter books, it is still important that they have the opportunity to read to an adult and discuss the book.
- Homework is given out **Friday** and due in every Friday and is **tracked online**.
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If you have any questions about the above, or anything else, please do come and see me and we can find a solution!

St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School

'Love each other as I have loved you' – John 15:12



Year 4

Autumn term curriculum letter

Our science topic this term is
Habitats: How do we classify animals and how are their
habitats threatened?



Our humanities topic this term is
Romans (in Britain): How did Romans affect life in Britain?



Humanities

In this unit, we will remind ourselves of what happened to Britain at the end of the Iron Age. We will discover how the Romans tried to invade Britain and what reaction that caused in the people who lived there. We research the different inventions and community ideas the Romans brought to Britain, how these became part of everyday life and whether they are still around today. We will also explore the religious ideas the Romans brought with them and if they, and Roman rule, were rejected by the locals. Finally, we will learn how the Roman rule of Britain ended.

Art and DT

This term we will be exploring printing and mosaics, both Roman and modern.

Music

In this unit, we will be exploring Mamma Mia and its impact on music and film. We will delve into the music of ABBA, a Swedish pop group formed in 1972, focussing particularly on Dancing Queen, The Winner Takes It All, Waterloo, Super Trouper, and Thank You for the Music. We will build on our dimensions of music knowledge by discussing the texture of the main song.

PSHE

We are learning about the Zones of Regulation and experiencing different emotions. We are also learning to understand: how to be safe with computer gaming habits, how to keep safe near roads, railways, water, building sites and fireworks, how we feel pressure to behave in unsafe ways and what to do in an emergency and how to ask for help from a range of emergency services.

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Literacy

This term we will focus our learning around the key text: The Lost Happy Endings. We will be exploring the story and similar fairy tales using a range of approaches. The children will reflect upon the text building upon their prediction, summarising and questioning skills. We will particularly be looking at author choice and how the careful selection of words with audience and purpose in mind can have an impact and help to paint a picture within a reader's mind. Children will continue to develop their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills.

RE

In this unit we will be learning to answer questions such as:

How did Abra(ha)m demonstrate his faith in God?
How did Jonah and Daniel respond to God?
What can Christians learn from the Wisdom of Solomon?
How did Moses follow God's 'calling' for his life?
How did Ruth demonstrate faith in God through selflessness (sacrifice)?
How did David's faith make him strong?

PE

This term the children be learning about Netball and practising all the skills needed to play this exciting game.

Science

In this unit we are learning to ...

- Look at some of the characteristics of animals and start to group or classify them based on features that are similar.
- Use classification keys to help us identify unknown animals.
- Develop our fieldwork skills by looking at creatures in our local environment.
- Find out about what is happening to some habitats and think about what we can do to save them.

Maths

This term our main focuses will be place value and addition and subtraction. We will be looking at recognising, rounding, portioning and comparing numbers to 1000. We will then be focusing on adding and subtracting numbers up to 1000, by confidently using written methods. We will also explore efficient adding and subtracting.

Spanish

In this unit, we will learn how to tell somebody the key facts and people involved in the history of the Roman Empire, in Spanish. We will say the days of the week in Spanish and learn how these are related to the Roman gods and goddesses. We will tell somebody, in Spanish, what the most famous Roman inventions were and learn what life was like.

Computing

This term children will be exploring computing networks and systems, focusing on the internet.