

# Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 1 (September to October) 2022

## DAYS TO REMEMBER

<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear PE kit</li> <li>• 10mins read out loud, write in Reading Record</li> <li>• Practice spellings</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homework due in</li> <li>• 10mins read out loud, write in Reading Record</li> <li>• Practice spellings</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10mins read out loud, write in Reading Record</li> <li>• Practice spellings</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trumpet lesson</li> <li>• 10mins read out loud, write in Reading Record</li> <li>• Practice spellings</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear PE kit</li> <li>• Spelling test, new spellings given out</li> <li>• Homework given out</li> <li>• 10mins read out loud, write in Reading Record</li> </ul>

## Reading at home

All children at West Hill are expected to read out loud to an adult for at least **10 minutes each evening** and ask them questions about what they have read and what they think might happen next. This should be recorded in the reading record at least three times a week.

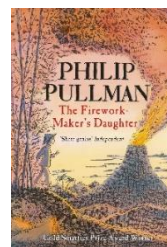
Please read a story to your child at bedtime each night as well as visiting your local library each week if you can.

## School Uniform

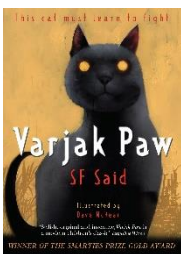
The uniform consists of:

Boys	Girls
Pale blue polo shirt	Pale Blue blouse or polo shirt
Grey Trousers	Grey skirt or trousers
Grey shorts (Summer Term)	Blue checked dress (summer)
West Hill sweatshirt	West Hill sweatshirt
Black shoes (no trainers)	Black shoes (no trainers)
	Plain blue or black hairbands
	Plain blue/ black headscarves

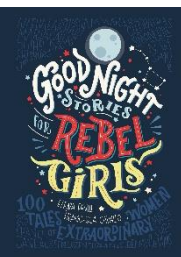
## Year 4 book recommendations



**The Firework-Maker's Daughter** by Philip Pullman tells the story of Lila who goes on an adventurous journey to become a firework maker.



**Varjak Paw** by S F Said tells the tale of Varjak Paw a young cat who learns to live on the streets.



**Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls** by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo are true stories of inspirational real-life women from around the world and throughout history.

## Wandsworth Town Library opening times:

Mon – CLOSED  
 Tue – 9am-7pm  
 Wed – 9am-7pm  
 Thu – 9am-7pm  
 Fri – 9am-5pm  
 Sat – 9am-7pm  
 Sun – CLOSED

## Nurturing Principles

*We believe in ourselves.*

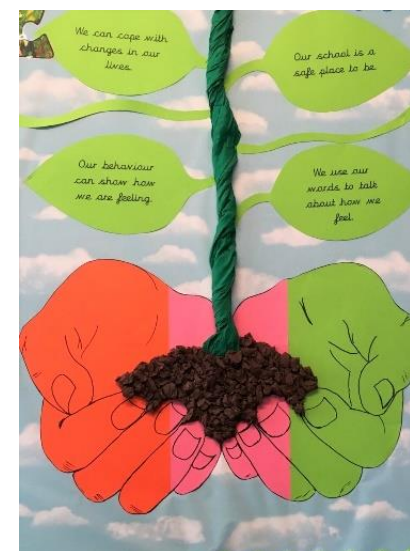
*We all learn in our own way and in our own way.*

*We use our own words to talk about how we are feeling.*

*We can cope with the changes in our lives.*

*Our feelings can show how we are feeling.*

*Our school is a safe place to be.*



## English

**Writing:** We will be exploring a variety of genres including narrative, leaflets, broadcasting scripts and character descriptions.

**Reading:** We will continue to explore how to skim and scan text as well as how to answer inference and deduction style questions.

**Spelling and Grammar:** We will be revising different tenses, word classes and sentence structures. We will be revising the year 3/4 word lists and spelling rules already covered.

## Art/DT

**Art and Design:** Our class artist is Elizabeth Catlett. We will be learning about her work and producing our own versions.

## Music

We have trumpet lessons every **Thursday** with specialised music teachers from the **Wandsworth Music** service.

## Physical Education

Mondays – **Basketball** with Miss Campbell  
Fridays – **Dance** with Rachel, our specialist dance teacher

## French

We will continue to grow our confidence and vocabulary with French greetings, descriptions and instructions.



## YEAR 4

### Autumn 1

## Topic: Ancient Egypt



## Geography/History

We will be learning about ancient Egypt including: the pharaohs and pyramids, mummification, farming and seasons, and key historical figures such as Nefertiti, Tutankhamun and Cleopatra.

## Computing

E-safety; Computational thinking (developing our own software); Creativity (writing e-books)

## Dates for your diary

25-29<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term break

1<sup>st</sup> November – INSET DAY, school closed

2<sup>nd</sup> November – First day for children

17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term, 2pm closure

## Maths

**Maths:** We will be focusing on place value (3 and 4-digit numbers) and the four main operations (+ – x ÷). We will be revising times tables, multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

## Science

**Electricity and circuits** – The hazards and dangers of electricity, circuits, power, applications of electricity

**Sound** – Natural and man-made sounds, different methods of producing sound, how to measure sounds

## Religious Education

**Faith and difference** – The five main world religions, comparing and contrasting religious beliefs, customs and traditions

**Celebrating Christmas** – Learning about the importance of journeys in different religions including Christmas

## PSHE & RSE

**Living in the wider world** – Healthy friendships

**Health and well-being** – Healthy lifestyles

**Anti-bullying**