



# Year 4 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

Issue 4  
February 2018

## Welcome back!

Welcome back! It is great to have you all back, working hard and coming to school ready to learn. We would like to thank you all for your continued effort and support in making sure all children are wearing the correct uniform, and completing their homework, Mathletics and SPAG.com.

Many children have become fluent readers however, they are still developing their understanding of texts they have read. To support you reading with your child at home, we will be running a Reading Workshop for all Year 4 parents in the next few weeks. This will include support and advice about reading at home in addition to a guided reading session with some of the children and a teacher.

During our English lessons we are looking at non-fiction texts and biographies. Children will learn about the Shang Dynasty and key historical figures of that time. They will use this information to write biographies of these people. In SPAG lessons, we will be learning about different spelling rules involving prefixes and suffixes.

In science lessons, we will be continuing to develop an understanding of sounds. In particular, children will learn how the inner ear has been designed and adapted to turn vibrations into sounds. We will be carrying out a range of exciting investigations to further develop their scientific skills.

During maths lessons we will be investigating the features of 2D and 3D shapes and learning the technical language to describe them. Children will learn more about statistics and how to represent and interpret data.

In music, we will be learning to use percussion instruments with Mr Bradshaw. We hope that some children will be able to use these skills in the up and coming, 'Copthorne's Got Talent'.

English and maths homework is handed out on **Thursday** and should be returned on **Monday** morning. Children will also be given weekly spellings to learn at home and will be tested on these each Monday.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Johnston and Mr. Ahmed

Year 4 Teachers

## Tour de Europe



It is our year group assembly at the end of this term, which will involve a presentation about what we have learnt about Europe. We will investigate Britain's role within the EU, and how this will change over the next few years with Brexit.

Children will be debating our exit from the EU as part of our assembly, so we look forward to showing this to you in a few weeks.

## Reminders

### PE Times

**4 Beech:** Wednesday (outdoor PE) Thursday (indoor PE),

**4 Poplar:** Tuesday (outdoor PE), Wednesday (indoor PE).

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PE KIT!**

### PE

In PE, children will be doing gymnastics and learning how to play games of tennis.