



Year 4 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

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Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely break. It is great to have you all back, working hard and 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. Please make sure children are continuing to do Raving Readers at home, and do not forget the activities at the back of their books. These are really important for developing your child's understanding of the stories they read. These activities do need to be completed for your child to receive their rewards for Raving Readers.

During our English lessons we are looking at play scripts. Children will be investigating the features of play scripts, looking at some great examples of plays and will be creating and performing their own. We will also be focusing on different types of poetry and the descriptive language features that are used. We will use this knowledge to compose our own poems.

In science lessons, we will be learning about electricity and investigating where it comes from and how it affects our lives. Children will be making their own circuits using batteries, wires, **bulbs** and switches.

During maths lessons we will be consolidating prior knowledge and learning of fractions, decimals and percentages. Your child will be challenged to use them in a range of contexts, including money and measurements.

In music, we will be continuing to master the art of playing the ukulele with Mr Bradshaw. We hope that some children will be able to use their ukulele skills in the up and coming, 'Copthorne's Got Talent'!

English and maths homework is handed out on Thursday and **should be returned to school no later than Monday morning**. Children will also be given weekly spellings to learn at home before their test on Monday. Please ensure that your child is using Mathletics regularly, we have seen an improvement in maths skills for those children who use this at home.

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

Mr. Johnston, Mr. Ahmed and Mr. Bostock

Year 4 Teachers

Tomb Raiders



This term we will be starting our new topic about Brazil.

We will be learning how to locate Brazil and the **surrounding** countries of South America using Google Maps on the new iPads. Children will be learning about the culture of the country and the festivals which take place there. They will develop their understanding of human geography by learning about the favelas of Rio de Janeiro and the lives of the people who live there.

Reminders

PE Times

4 Beech: Thursday (outdoor PE). Friday (indoor PE),

4 Poplar: Thursday (indoor PE), Wednesday (outdoor PE).

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PE KIT!

PE

In PE, children will be playing netball and mastering the skills and techniques involved. They will also be focusing on athletics in outdoor P.E.