



# Year 4 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

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## *Welcome back!*

We hope you all had a pleasant break. The new year has got off to a great start, and we would like to thank you all for making sure that children are wearing the correct uniform, and have come to school ready to learn. We request that children continue to read and complete their Raving Readers activities. Please also encourage your children to complete Mathletics, SPAG.com and Bug Club homework which is provided for them weekly.

During our English lessons we are focusing our learning on persuasive speech and report writing for the theme 'Pupil Parliament', where children will be able to voice their opinion on issues concerning our school through a news report. We will be reading and analysing reports and using techniques used in persuasive writing to film a news report for Copthorne News.

We will continue to work on children's knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar by developing their understanding of how to use and differentiate between direct and indirect speech. They will also continue to build on previously developed skills such as fronted adverbials, prepositions and compound and complex sentences in their writing.

In Science, children will be learning about sound, focusing on how sound is made and how we can hear sounds.

During Maths lessons, we will focus on developing children's knowledge of shape, space and measures. Please support your children by involving them in practical tasks involving measure, such as checking the time or cooking.

In Music, children will continue to learn to play the ukulele.

In PE, children will be learning dance and netball.

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

Mr. Ahmed, Miss Clayton

## *Reminders*

### *PE Times*

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

## Tour de Europe



In Copthorne Curriculum we will begin learning about our new topic, Europe.

We will be focusing on culture and the human and physical geography of different countries in Europe, as well as the similarities and differences these countries have with the UK.

During our learning journey, we will have many exciting opportunities to experience European art, music and cuisine.

## *Homework*

*English and Maths homework is now a continuous part of the homework policy, this will be set through Mathletics, SPAG.com and spellodrome.*

*Children will also be given spellings to learn at home and will be tested on these at school.*

*We will now be setting a project based homework every fortnight. This will be a chance for the children to show the breadth of their skills across the curriculum.*