



Tunmarsh Lane, Plaistow, London E13 9NE
 Headteacher: Caroline Stone
 t. 020 8472 2743
 e. info@newcity.boleyntrust.org
 w. www.newcity.boleyntrust.org

New City Primary School
Year 4 Spring Term 2021

This term, we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. You can help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Science</u>
<p>This term, the children will be developing their understanding of mathematics and deepening their ability to use a range of numeracy skills to solve problems. They will be counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 100. They will identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations. Children will be developing their understanding of fractions and decimals and solving problems using reasoning and explanation.</p> <p>We will be spending time preparing your children for the multiplication tables check next term. It is important that your child is practising their times tables and division facts at home.</p>	<p>In the first half of the term, the children will be studying texts from other cultures such as 'Mufaro's beautiful Daughters'. They will be using this text to develop their literacy skills of grammar, punctuation and spelling. They will be creating extended pieces of writing using a range of organisational devices.</p> <p>In the second half of the term, we will be looking at the fantasy genre, focussing on C.S Lewis' The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.</p> <p>To help your child improve in English, it is important that they read everyday at home and learn their spellings every week.</p>	<p>To begin this term, our science topic will be Materials - states of Matter. The children will use their enquiry skills to compare and group materials, observe changes in state and identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.</p> <p>After the half term break, the children will learn about electricity. They will identify electrical appliances and explore the safety around using them. They will also construct simple electrical circuits and identify whether a lamp will light in a given circuit. They will recognise some common conductors and insulators and associate metals with being good conductors.</p>
<u>Art & DT</u>	<u>Physical Education</u>	<u>PSHE</u>
<p>In art, the children will be looking at the role of artists a variety of media linked to their history and geography learning. They will learn to use art related vocabulary and compare and contrast artistic styles.</p> <p>During DT, the children will be studying bridges. They will compare bridge types, conduct structure tests and consider how to make structures stronger and sturdier. They will use their findings to design, make and evaluate their own bridge.</p>	<p>To begin with in P.E., the children will be focussing on balance and resilience through gymnastics and cycling. They will link shapes and balances into short sequences and transfer these onto apparatus. They will look at braking pedalling and balancing on a bike and how to cycle for longer, further and faster.</p> <p>In the second half of the term, they will continue with gymnastics and start a topic based on softball. They will use and adapt rules for softball, using their knowledge of the basic principles of batting and fielding.</p>	<p>To begin this term, the children will be exploring positive relationships. They will recognise the skills needed to maintain positive relationships with others and understand how online relationships may differ to real life. They will also discuss peer pressure and how to cope with it.</p> <p>In Spring 2, the children will explore the different components of a balanced lifestyle. They will recognise positive and negative influences on their physical, mental and emotional health and discuss why it is important to be aware of this.</p>



Chief Executive Office: Dr. Tom Canning OBE
 New City Primary School is part of the Boleyn Trust, a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales with company number 10488603. The registered office is at Tollgate Primary School, Barclay Road, London E13 8SA.

Tel: 020 7476 1848





Tunmarsh Lane, Plaistow, London E13 9NE
 Headteacher: Caroline Stone
 t. 020 8472 2743
 e. info@newcity.boleyntrust.org
 w. www.newcity.boleyntrust.org

<u>Humanities</u>	<u>RE</u>	<u>Computing</u>
<p>In History, we will be studying the effects that World War 2, in particularly the London Blitz, had on the East End of London. They will be developing their historical skills focussing on cause and consequence and using evidence to communicate ideas.</p> <p>Geography will be taught in the second half of the term where the children will be learning about Brazil and the rainforest. They will be able to describe the position of Brazil using appropriate locational vocabulary; understand the features and structure of a rainforest biome and understand the need for a balance between human and physical processes.</p>	<p>In R.E., the children will continue to develop their understanding of world religions by looking at the religions in our neighbourhood.</p> <p>After the half term break, their topic will be 'Why is Easter important to Christians?' where they continue to develop their critical thinking skills and discuss the importance of celebrations, making comparisons to other religions.</p>	<p>This term, the children will cover the topics 'We are musicians' and 'We are bloggers'. They will use the iPads in the first half term to use music editing software. They will learn to input and edit samples of music. In the second half of the term, they will use the laptops to create a sequence of blog posts, incorporating additional media.</p> <p>In addition to these topics, the children will build on their current knowledge of online safety to ensure they know how to use technology safely in school and at home.</p>
<u>Mandarin</u>	<u>Homework</u>	<u>Music</u>
<p>Throughout this year in Mandarin, the children will be exploring personal interests. This term, they will focus on entertainment and pastimes. They will discuss effective forms of entertainment; examine Chinese art and literature and form an opinion of Chinese entertainment. They will also learn to recognise popular sports and past times; identify verbs related to sports and past times and create positive and negative sentences i.e. I like and I don't like.</p>	<p>Each day, children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. Reading books will be changed regularly by the children. Please use the homework book to record any concerns or comments. The homework schedule is as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday: Spellings Tuesday: Reading/Bugclub Wednesday: Mathletics Thursday: TTRockstars Friday: Writing</p>	<p>In music, the children will continue to learn their recorder, building on their knowledge of pulse, rhythm, pitch, notation, dynamics, tempo, texture and structure and will explore the woodwind family of instruments. They will study the structure of the 12-bar blues and improvise within this.</p> <p>We ask that you continue to support your child's musical learning by encouraging them to practise at home.</p>



Chief Executive Office: Dr. Tom Canning OBE
 New City Primary School is part of the Boleyn Trust, a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales with company number 10488603. The registered office is at Tollgate Primary School, Barclay Road, London E13 8SA.

Tel: 020 7476 1848

