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## New City Primary School Year group: 4 Spring Term 2024

Happy new year! 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. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

English	Maths	Science
In the first half of the term 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. In addition, they will be creating extended pieces of writing using a range of organisational devices. In the second half of the term our author focus is C.S. Lewis and we will be studying the text 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' which links to our History topic on World War II and The Blitz.	Children will be developing their understanding of mathematics and deepening their ability to use a range of mathematical skills to solve problems. They will be counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 100 and will identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations. Children will be developing their understanding of fractions and decimals and solve problems using reasoning and explanation.	The Children will be working on the topic 'Materials - States of Matter' with a focus on female scientists such as Maria the Jewess. They will be comparing and grouping materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases as well as performing scientific investigations to see how they can change and alter the properties of different materials. In the second half term, the children will be learning about Electricity. They will recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit as well as recognising some common conductors and insulators.
History & Geography	Computing	PE
In the first half of the spring term we will be studying the effects that World War 2 had on the East End of London – The Blitz. The geographical focus during the second half of term will be a study of rainforests, with a particular emphasis on the Amazon rainforest within Brazil. As part of the topic the children will learn about the structure, purpose and importance of the rainforest. They will examine the human impact on rainforests, including deforestation and look to future consequences such an impact may have.	In computing, the children will begin their programming and coding unit. They will use a text based programming language to explore count-controlled loops when drawing shapes. The children will then go on to explore repetition in games, using a block-based language to explore count controlled and infinite loops when creating a game.	In Spring 1, the children will focus on gymnastics and cycling. They will link shapes and balances into short sequences; consolidate and improve the quality of body shapes and balances, and transfer these onto apparatus. They will also develop their braking, pedalling and balance skills as well as being able to cycle for longer, further and faster. In Spring 2, children will focus on dance (salsa) linking to their geography topic and softball to consolidate and develop the range and consistency of their skills in striking and fielding games.
Mandarin	Religious Education	PSHE
This term, in Mandarin, we will be looking at entertainment. We will discuss Chinese entertainment and form an opinion on it by examining Chinese film, television and dance. We will also discuss our favourite pastimes using Mandarin vocabulary. There will be opportunities to compare Chinese culture to our own.	We are lucky to be living in such a diverse community here in Plaistow. In religious education Year 4 will be thinking about the neighbourhood and the religions it represents. Pupils will learn about a variety and range religions in Newham by collecting and interpreting evidence from a range of sources.	Children will learn strategies for maintaining positive relationships with all types of people. They practise listening to the views of others and expressing their own views in a respectful manner. Children also focus on healthy lifestyles. They consider that there are many influences on both our physical and mental health, and that these can impact individuals in different ways.
Music	Art & DT	Homework
In Music we will be continuing to learn how to play the recorder with a focus on rhythm, time signatures and the pentatonic scale.	In the first half of the spring term we will be studying the effects that World War 2 had on the East End of London. We will be developing our art skills by creating propaganda posters. In Spring 2 we will be looking at rainforest artists and focussing on William Morris and Print making. In DT, we will be continuing to develop our understanding of the design process by researching, designing and making our own Hindu Mandir in Spring 1 and exploring torches and electrical systems in Spring 2.	Each day children are expected to do some homework. Spellings and writing should be recorded in your child's homework book. Books will be changed regularly by the children. Please use the homework book to record any concerns or comments. <b>The homework schedule is as follows:</b> Monday -Spellings Tuesday- Reading Wednesday- Mathletics (online) Thursday- Times Tables (TT Rockstars) Friday- English - Long Write
Educational Visits		
We are planning to visit Kew Gardens in Spring 2. We will inform you of dates and arrangements when they have been confirmed.		

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