

	Year 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter	Welcome back to a new school year! 'Let the adventure begin'.
A huge and happy welcome to the new school year! We are the Year 4 team: Miss Thompson and Mrs Lekh, along with our fantastic Teaching Assistants, Mrs Miller and Mrs Merry. We are so excited to embark on a year of fun, learning and discovery. This half term, we have exciting units ahead. For our History unit, we will be studying the Ancient Greeks. Who were they? When did they live? What has been left behind? We will be thinking like Historians to uncover and discover more. In English writing, we will be writing a speech about a section of society that has suffered from a form of discrimination. We will also be studying the Maya Angelou poem 'Still I Rise' and then writing our own poems about our own personal challenges. We will also be working as Scientists this term, studying 'Materials: States of Matter'. We will be unpicking what solids, liquids and gases are and thinking about some key concepts. What are particles? How do they interact with each other? How do states of matter change when you heat or cool them?		
<u>Reminders</u> This year, the children will take part in the government's online Multiplication Tables Check. The check consists of 25 times table questions, with six seconds to answer each one. To help your child feel confident and prepared, regular practice of their times tables at home is essential. We'll be having lots of fun practicing in class, too! <u>Sutton Library Visit</u> 4L will be going to the Library on 1st October. 4T will be going on the 2nd October. Any volunteers to help walk to and from the library would be greatly appreciated. <u>Dojo</u> If you need to contact us, this can be done on Class Dojo. We will aim to respond to you between the hours of 8am and 4pm. We will not be answering messages outside of this time.	<u>PE days will be:</u> Monday and Wednesday for 4T and Monday and Tuesday for 4L. On Monday the children will have a PE lesson led by Next Level Sport doing Handball. The other lesson will be teacher led and will be outdoor Orienteering. Please ensure that an active uniform includes: black shorts or joggers, a plain red or white t-shirt or black tracksuit. If children are participating in a sports after school club, they should wear their active uniform to school on those days too. <u>Snack-tember</u> As the new year begins, it is a perfect opportunity to promote encourage the healthy eating of snacks for the promotion of health and well being. Please encourage and where possible, provide healthy snacks for your children during their morning break.	<u>Class dojo</u> Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for regular updates and celebrations of Year 4 achievements. This is also a handy tool for communication with school staff. <u>How you can help at home...</u> Reading (please aim to listen to your child read aloud 5 times a week). They will then receive a 'Fab 5 Reward' and it will count towards their Reading Olympic Certificates and other treats. Spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday. TT Rock Stars, to support fluency and speed with times tables.