



Happiness at the heart of learning

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning outside the classroom environment is a very powerful teaching and learning tool. Therefore, where possible we aim to take the learning outside the classroom by offering our children a number of interesting and engaging school trips.

We are pleased to tell you about the following trips we have already organised to support your child's learning this academic year.

The first trip that we have booked is a trip to the **Guildhall Art Gallery and Roman Amphitheatre** in order to support your child's study of 'The Romans' within our history lessons. Our children will have the opportunity to witness London's only Roman Amphitheatre under the Guildhall Art Gallery. An exciting workshop has been booked for the day lead by an experienced archaeologist. This trip will take place on three separate days: 4T will attend on **Wednesday 23rd October 2024**, 4L on **Thursday 24th October 2024** and 4E on **Friday 25th October 2024**.

Our second workshop held at the Natural History Museum will support your child's learning in Science linked to "Living things and their habitats". We will also spend part of the day looking around the National History Museum. This trip will take place on three separate days: 4T will attend on **Wednesday 13th November 2024**, 4E on **Tuesday 19th November 2024** and 4L on **Wednesday 20th November 2024**.

Our third trip will support the children's learning of Hinduism in religious education in the Spring Term. We will be attending the **Shree Sanatan Hindu Temple, Wembley** where we will look at the beautiful handmade structure and architecture of this building while linking our learning about Hinduism from school. The dates of this trip are yet to be confirmed so you will get more information in due course. This will be a half-day trip.

During the Spring Term, we would also like to give our children the opportunity to spend the morning creating their own pizzas; a free service offered by Pizza Express. The children will gain an insight into the health and hygiene needed whilst in the kitchen and when dealing with food. They will also be quizzed afterwards based on the Design Technology skills they have acquired on the day.

This trip will take place on three separate days: 4T will attend on Wednesday 26th February 2025, 4L on Wednesday 12th March 2025 and 4E on Wednesday 2nd April 2025.

In English, during the Summer Term, we will be reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. Therefore, we would like to offer the children the opportunity to attend a Victorian School workshop in Gunnersbury Park to enable them to have a better understanding of the differences between Victorian schools and modern-day schools. The dates of this trip are yet to be confirmed, so you will get more information in due course. This will be an all-day trip.

As well as taking the learning outside of our classroom, we have also booked some fun and interesting virtual workshops for our pupils this year. Our first virtual workshop of the year will be on Monday 23rd September organised through London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE. Your children will have the opportunity to look at various real, tangible Roman artefacts while learning lots more engaging facts during this virtual workshop.

Whilst the school is able to subsidise some of the expenditure this year, we are asking all families to contribute £20 towards your child's educational experiences this year. You can spread the payment over the year and this can be paid via Eduspot. Do contact the School Office should you wish to do part-payments instead.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Shaw, Mrs Perez, Mrs Hampton and Mr Hopkins

*Year 4 Class teachers,
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