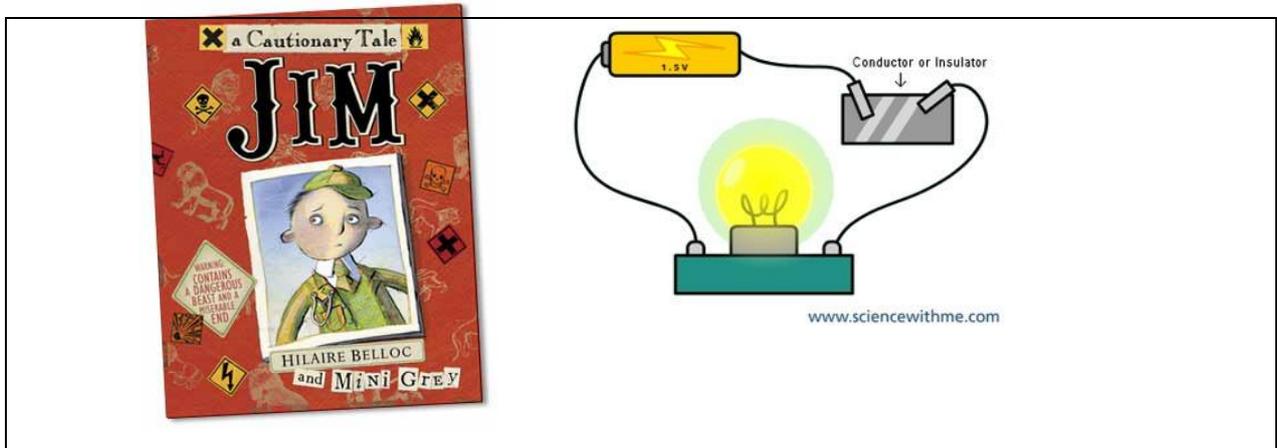


## Year 4 Newsletter Term 4 Spring 2

### Electricity!



#### English

We still start the term by looking at Sound Poetry. Next, we will be reading the story Jim a Cautionary Tale where we will learn off by heart a cautionary tale, rewrite our own endings to the story and write and perform our own cautionary tale in the style of Hilaire Belloc. We will also combine our Design and Technology with writing as the children will create leaflets about their electrical invention. We will continue to develop our cursive handwriting and work on common spelling patterns.

#### Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on number skills, place value as well as mental and written calculations involving multiplication and division. We will also be using and applying these skills in different contexts. We will also be interpreting and presenting data using bar charts and time graphs and we will be solving comparison, sum and difference problems using information presented in the charts. We will be continuously working on all the times tables up to 12 x 12.

#### Science

Our focus this term is Science. We will be looking at devices that use electricity, creating different circuits using bulbs, switches and buzzers. We will be learning about good insulators and conductors, the children will plan and carry out their own investigation. We will combine with Design and Technology; the children will create their own wellbeing enclosure for a small pet which requires an electrical system.

#### Topic

In Design and Technology, we will evaluate a range of animal enclosures by looking at their purpose and design. The children will design, create and evaluate their own enclosure for a small pet e.g. a hamster. We will focus on the process of joining and using a range of different materials and how to improve our designs. Our trip to the Design Museum will support our learning. In computing, we will be designing and creating an animation, using 'I Can animate', to retell the story 'Jim A Cautionary Tale'. In Computing, we will also learn about appropriate conduct online. In R.E, we will be learning about Sikhism and the Guru Granth Sahib. In PSHE, we will be learning about risks of drugs and alcohol. We are going to begin weekly circle time sessions to develop their speaking and listening skills, team work and residence.

## P.E

This term, we will be learning the key skills required for dance and athletics.

Both classes will have a PE session every Monday and Friday.

Please make sure your child has appropriate kit (trainers, black, blue or grey jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and a jumper). This needs to be separate to their school uniform (and is not worn underneath their school uniform). Please make sure your child has their name written in all of their clothing.

## Home learning

Home Learning will be issued on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of English homework, one piece of Maths homework and spellings each week. They will also be given a topic based project to complete throughout the term. It is really important that children are practicing times tables at home, because these form the foundations for much of the Maths work we are doing in class. Children are expected to be able to randomly recall their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of year 4. Please support your child in working towards this.

### **Dates for the diary:**

*Sharing assembly: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March*

*Parents evening: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March*

*Trip to the Design Museum: 6<sup>th</sup> March for Maroon Class and 8<sup>th</sup> March for Ruby Class*

Please look at the school website to see the children's learning in action!

[www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk](http://www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk).

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

*In Term 1, our visitor delivered an Anglo-Saxon day which really helped the children to learn about Anglo Saxons life style, history and culture by bringing their learning alive.*

*In Term 2, our visitor was the Fresh Water Theatre who delivered a Lets Locate workshop to inspire our children's learning about the geography of the UK.*

*In Term 3, our trip was to the recycling centre to inspire our children's learning about sustainability, as well as a visit from the author of our topic book Ma'at's Feather.*

*For Term 4, our trip/visitor will be the Design Museum to inspire our children's learning about the process of designing and making products.*

***If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure this trip/visitor can take place.***

***Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks.***