

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a fantastic 2 week break for Easter and is excited and ready for our residential trip to Crabbe. I know Year 4 have been looking forward to it all year.



## Literacy

Year 4 will have to research and persuade to entice another year group to read their persuasive brochures in Literacy. We will read the exciting picture book, *Escape From Pompeii*. Where the children will travel back in time to find out about the devastation and destruction when Mount Vesuvius erupted.

Continuing from last term, spellings and homework will be given out weekly on a Monday. Homework is due in the following Monday. The expectation is 15 minutes of homework each evening, this is a very small amount, and it will increase as the children move up to Year 5.

## Mathematics

Our focus this half term, moves away from traditional number and fluency, with a focus on shape, space and geometry. The children will learn about different types of angles, types of shapes and how to describe them, as well as the position and direction of shapes.

All the way through our maths learning we will be applying our learning to solving real life problems. Any time you can practise real life mathematical problems this can be helpful to discuss in the classroom. It is also essential to continue with regular fluency practice. You can log into J2E and we will soon be launching a new timestables program to help children with their learning.

## Science

As scientists, new aspects of the science curriculum and learning some new vocabulary such as vertebrate and invertebrate. The children will learn to group, sort, and discuss different types of plants and animals. There will be lots of trips to our newly developed science garden to support our learning of this topic.

## Art

This half term, we will focus on our drawing and sketching skills. Looking closely at details, how to use different types of pencils and eventually looking to draw the horizon. We are planning a trip to the beach to put our skills into practice. Watch out for more details.

## History

As Historians, we will learn about what life was like for the Ancient Romans. This will include learning about why the Romans wanted to build roads as well as Boudicca's rebellion.

## PSHE / RE

In our PSHE learning we will be completing our first Jigsaw puzzle piece entitled 'Being Me in My World'. In these sessions we will have a range of discussions and complete activities around becoming a class team and our rights and responsibilities.



## French

During French this term, we shall practise key vocabulary, focusing on simple words and phrases, as well as vocabulary around clothes and describing what they look like. The majority of these lessons will be speaking and listening.

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## PE

Our PE days for Year 4 are **Thursday** and **Friday**, children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days. We have been offered a very exciting opportunity this half term and have 3 tag rugby sessions booked in. Please see the May calendar for more details.

## Music

As musicians, we will continue to be inspired by the wonderful Mrs Lawrence, who has worked tirelessly to adapt lessons without any singing. Additionally, as a class we are participating in a music workshop every Wednesday where we will be learning to play the cornet.

## Computing

Mr Sanson will continue to inspire Year 4 with his vast knowledge of computers and ICT. We will continue to work on the laptops and iPad's. This half term, they will focus on coding.

## General Information

I hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning in Year 4 will be like. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

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