

# Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 2 2021



We hope you have had a lovely half term break with your families. We have such an exciting half term to look forward to!



We continue back with our addition and subtraction learning in maths. Last half term, we were building on a range of strategies. This half term we will look closely at the formal column method, making one or more exchange. Following this, we will move to multiplication and division.

In English we will be reading book 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. This will cross curricular link to our geography topic of volcanoes. We will be writing formal letters, character descriptions and journals. If your child has a copy at home, they are very welcome to bring it into school and read long in the English lessons.

Our main topic is, 'What makes the Earth tremor?' We will have a strong geography focus this half term. We will be starting with volcanoes, then moving our focus to earthquakes. We will be using and developing our mapping skills, making comparisons about where we live, and researching case study countries such as Japan.

In Science we will be investigating sound. We have lots of practical investigations planned, and will be using decibel readers to measure the sound levels around school!

For PSHE we will be focusing on our core value of respect. In the classroom we will be thinking of the different ways that we can show respect. We will also be thinking about how we can respect and understand different groups of people.

In art we will complete our mosaics, I know the children have been looking forward to this! After that, we will be starting our new topic which is painting. We will be looking at the work of Jackson Pollock this half term.

I hope to have Parent's Evening rescheduled soon. I will keep the original time slots. I will post a list of times onto class story this week. Any problems or questions, please let me know.

Finally – Spelling tests will take place on a Friday, and times tables tests throughout the week. We will send spellings home every Monday.

Homework continues to be accessing TT Rockstars, Sumdog and Go Read. Please make sure that you are using these regularly at home to support your child in making progress. Thank you so much for all your support!

## How you can help

**MATHS** – You can access [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com) for fun ways to help. We will be developing our understanding of place value, + - X ÷. <https://trockstars.com/> will be an invaluable tool at home to help your child prepare for the assessment. We will continue to these apps in school too. Please let me know if you need spare log in details!

**PE** – PE is on a **Wednesday** and **Friday** afternoon with the sports coach. **Please ensure that your child comes to school in their kit on those days.** Also please remember no earrings on PE days, and long hair tied up.

## Communication

Please don't forget to connect to your child's dojo account, I will be using it to send work selfies, and sharing our news on class story. 5 dojos for all children who have connected parents!

The dojo account is a brilliant tool to send messages, so please feel free to use it to send messages into school. I'm looking forward to sending lots of positive messages home about brilliant work.

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