



#### What's Happening in Year 4?

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and the children had chance to rejuvenate their batteries after a jam packed half term. We have been so impressed by how the children have settled in after the break and are looking forward to another busy half term.

Parents' Evening will be taking place this half term on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. This is a great opportunity to celebrate all your child's progress since the start of Year 4. These will be a mix of face to face and virtual appointments and can be booked online. If you need any support with this, please contact your class teacher.

On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm we will be holding a multiplication evening in the school hall for Year 3 and 4. This evening will go through the importance of timetables, explain the multiplication test Year 4 will complete in the summer term and give you lots of ideas of how to help your child with timetables at home. We hope to see lots of you there!

Below are some useful links to help your child practise their timestables at home. All the children have their own TTRockstars log ins, if you are unsure of your child's details, please ask your class teacher.

<https://trockstars.com>

[https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication\\_and\\_division](https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/7/multiplication_and_division)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

If you would like to do some extra practise of the multiplication test, below is a link with a practise test on.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

#### Important Information and Reminders

This half term, the children will be starting two weeks of swimming starting the week commencing the 22<sup>nd</sup> January. These will take place on the school site in a mobile swimming pool in groups of up to 13 pupils. The swimming pool is covered and heated. The children will change for their swimming lesson in a heated changing room attached to the swimming marquee. The company also provide a swimming instructor and lifeguard for the duration of the lessons. A member of school staff will supervise the changing rooms and also support within the lesson. More information will be sent out regarding what the children need but if you have any questions, ask your class teacher.

Thank you for your support regarding homework; we have been very pleased with the efforts the children have been putting into their homework. We are continuing to send home a Maths piece of homework per week (alternating between online and hard copies), a spelling homework and an English task (alternating between a Grammar and a Reading task). The children are also very lucky to have multiple log ins for online programmes which they can use at home (Mathletics, Reading Eggs and TT Rockstars). If you need the log ins for any of these programmes, please contact your class teacher. We also have the expectation for children to read at home 5 times per week. Please ensure your child's reading record is signed 5 times a week detailing what they have read. If your child struggles with any of the home-learning tasks that are set each week, please feel free to ask us for any help or guidance. We are also running a home learning club Monday – Thursday before and after school to help support the children with their homework. Consent forms for these clubs are available at the office.

Please do remember, that if you have any concerns or need support with anything, to pop in and see us after school or ring the office to make an appointment.

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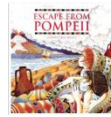
## Year 4 Newsletter

### Spring Term 1



English: In English we will be focusing on narrative writing based on *The Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. The children will be learning how to organise their paragraphs around a theme and use direct speech.

We will also complete daily guided reading lessons where we will use a range of different texts to enhance our comprehension skills. We will be working on answering questions based on a variety of skills: inference, vocabulary and retrieval.



Maths: In Maths we will move onto fractions and decimals. We will be building on our knowledge from Year 3 and learning how to find equivalent fractions.

We will have weekly fluency sessions which will help us to recap our arithmetic skills and get better at our times tables.

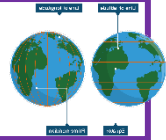
Science: We will begin a unit based on animals including humans. We will be learning about our digestive system including the role teeth play in this.

Computing: In computing, we will continue to look at E-Safety and how to stay safe online. We will also begin to use scratch to write code.



PE: We will have two PE sessions per week. This half term, we will be completing a unit based on invasion games and will be having swimming lessons.

Geography: In Geography we will look at the longitude, latitude and the equator.



History: In History, we will be looking at the Viking's invasion of Britain. We will learn about their way of life and their impact on Britain.

Music: In Music, we will continue our weekly singing assemblies and will complete a unit based on glockenspiels.

PSHE: Our PSHE focus for this half term is relationships. We will look at the relationships we have, including online.

Art: We will be completing work for the PAN Art Festival. We will be using our sketching and collage skills to complete a piece of art based on the 'Around the World in 80 Days' theme.

RE: In RE, we will be studying the religion, Christianity. We will be answering the question, Is sacrifice an important part of religious life?

MFL: We will be continuing our French lessons and will look at our family tree.

Design Technology: In DT, we will design shell structures.