

# Sholing Junior School Year 4 Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter



# Overview (topic, trips, focuses for this half-term)

We hope you had a wonderful and restful half-term break! We are so proud of the resilience, teamwork, and enthusiasm shown by everyone during our residential at Stubbington – it was fantastic to see the children supporting each other and embracing new challenges.

Now, we're ready for another exciting half-term! Our history topic begins this term and will continue after Easter, taking us on a journey through fascinating events and discoveries. We can't wait to see the curiosity and creativity the children bring to their learning. Let's make it a great half-term!

## **English**

We have an exciting term ahead, filled with adventure and survival. Our reading and writing journey will begin with Survivor and Escape from Pompeii, where the children will step into the shoes of characters facing dramatic and dangerous events. Through diary entries, they will develop their reading comprehension skills and immerse themselves in historical narratives.

## **Wider Curriculum**

This term, our wider curriculum will be full of creativity and discovery! In Art, children will explore Roman patterns through design patterns in cross-stitch, developing fine motor skills. In Music, we'll focus on Blackbird by The Beatles, enhancing listening and performance skills. RE will explore Christianity, with a focus on Easter and its significance. We look forward to an exciting term ahead!

# <u>Maths</u>

This half-term, we will be diving into some exciting areas of Maths!

First, we'll be finishing multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, helping the children develop a strong understanding of place value and how numbers move places. We'll also explore coordinates. Additionally, we'll work on fractions, learning how to recognise, compare, and simplify fractions.

# PE

PE will be packed with adventure this term! In dance, children will explore rhythm and expression by creating short sequences inspired by carnivals of Brazil and the samba as well as a spy sequence. In tennis, they'll develop coordination and agility on the court.

#### <u>Science</u>

In Science , we'll be exploring States of Matter, investigating the properties of solids, liquids, and gases. Children will conduct experiments to see how materials change state, learn about evaporation and condensation, and understand how temperature affects different substances. It's going to be a hands-on and exciting term of discovery!

### **Important Dates and Websites**

Indoor PE -Tuesday Outdoor PE – Thursday

Please ensure hair is tied up and earrings are removed.