



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 9th January, 2025

Years 3 and 4

What have we learnt last half term?

Years 3 and 4 had a very busy half term! In our theme 'Up in smoke' we learnt about the ancient city of Pompeii and the eruption of the volcano Mount Vesuvius. In English we read the story 'Escape from Pompeii' and wrote our own descriptions and diary entries.

In geography we learnt about volcanoes and for our design and technology, we enjoyed making our own volcano, before testing out 'an eruption' which was great fun!

In PE, we focused on gymnastics and we were really brave when climbing the apparatus! Dolphins also really enjoyed their time at Rackets Cubed. We had great fun in the last week - we all had a go at making crispy buns, we watched Magic Carpet and enjoyed our Christmas party!



What are we learning this half term?

This half term, our theme is Heroes and Villains.

In English, we will be reading the book 'My Secret War Diary' by Marcia Williams.

We will have the opportunity to write diary entries, letters and descriptions.

In history, we will be learning all about World War Two; key dates, who was sent to fight and using sources of evidence to find out about significant roles of women.

We will study watercolour painting in art and create a WWII Blitz painting, inspired by landscape artists, such as Oliver Pyle.

We are also looking forward to showing our art work in the exhibition at the end of the half term!



Things to Remember!

- This half term our **PE days** are **Tuesdays and Thursday** - please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothing for PE
- Only water is allowed in water bottles in the classroom - flavoured water or juice is not permitted. Flavoured water and juice are allowed in a packed lunch.
- Only stud earrings are allowed in school (these must be removed for PE).

What can I do at home to help my child?

In years three and four, your weekly homework will include:

- **Spellings to learn** - they are given on a Friday and tested the following Friday.
- **Reading** - children must read 3 times a week.
- **TTRockstars, Numbots and Letterjoin** - for at least 15 minutes a week.

Attendance

Last term, our whole school attendance was **95%**

Class attendance: Dolphins– 94% Penguins - 95% Turtles - 94%

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 7th January:	First day of Spring term
Tuesday 21st January:	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Tuesday 28th January:	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th February:	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4th February:	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Wed 5th - Thurs 6th February:	Parents' Evenings
Friday 7th February:	Number Day
Tuesday 11th February:	Safer Internet Day Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Wednesday 12th February:	Art Exhibition IntoUniversity Workshop - Year 3
Friday 14th February:	Last day of term
Monday 24th February:	First day of second Spring half term