Year 4 - Newsletter

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**Date: Autumn Term 2025**

**History/geography:** This term we will be exploring Roman life in ancient times. We will look at artefacts and try to make sense of their past. We will learn about the Roman army, their influence today and their way of life. In geography, we will explore Italy and Rome and different volcanos.

After half term, our attention will shift to the Indus Valley and why they are viewed as an advanced ancient civilisation. We will learn about their inventions which are still used today.

**English:** A range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry will be taught throughout the year. This term Year 4 will be reading focus texts to support writing in different fiction, non-fiction and poetry styles. Our focus texts will be: Escape from Pompeii, Fire Poetry and The Whale. We will also have separate guided reading sessions.

***It is important for children to be practising their joined-up handwriting at home, when they do any written homework.***

**Maths:** This term Year 4 will be focusing upon the times tables. We will be practising our times tables and finding the inverse divisions. Our main topics in maths this term will be place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division and fractions.

***Please practise tables with your child when you can. Remember to use Times Table Rockstars at home.***

**PE:** For the first half term we will be focusing on netball and attacking strategies. Then in the second half term we will be focusing on gymnastic sequences and basketball skills.

***Year 4 P.E. is on Tuesday and Friday. Trainers can be used when outside otherwise pumps along with shorts and white t-shirt.***

**Science:** We will be learning about solids, liquids and gases and the properties of each of these. The class will investigate how these states of matter change when frozen or heated.

Next half term, we will learn about the digestive system and the processes that happen in different organs.

**RE:** We will be learning about God, David and The Psalms up until half term. Our focus will be upon what God looks for in people and the values that they hold dear to them. In discussions and work, we will explore how we can show these values through our actions.

Then for the second half of the term we will be learning about Christmas and the symbolism of light, linking to Judaism and Hanukkah.

**PSHE:** For the duration of the first half term, Year 4 will be considering the elements of caring friendships and relationships. Refugee and disaster relief will be another area covered in the initial term.

Later, we will find out how to keep our physical and mental health healthy and how to deal with stressors as they arise.

**Ideas to help your child at home**

-Homework will be provided on the class website on Fridays. It will consist of spellings and a topic, maths or literacy task. This is to be completed before the following Thursday.

-If your child is not taking part in P.E., due to illness or injury, please write a note to explain this.

- It is important that your child reads every night.

**Music:** Our first unit will be around building beat to music. Then we will be practising performance for the Christmas show.

**Computing:** With Mrs Blackston, the children will learn about effective searching and fact checking. Skills will be acquired to use the internet safely and securely.

After this, spreadsheets will be created to store and analyse data.

**Art/DT:** We will start with DT and make catapult cars. Art will follow exploring power prints and using a range of media to create pieces.