



Year 4 Newsletter 2019

Autumn 1

This half term...

Topic: Our geography-based topic this half term is 'Tremors'. Children will develop their atlas and map reading skills; learn about the human and physical impact of volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis, including a focus on Pompeii and the Japanese tsunami of 2011; and find out about different rock types and their uses.

English: Our first English unit will be a narrative recount of eruption of Mt. Vesuvius from the perspective of a Pompeii resident. We will also complete a tsunami survival guide and a newspaper report about a fictional natural disaster.

Maths: Maths lessons will not be delivered in registration groups so your child may be taught by Mr Thomas OR Miss Usher. The focus of the first few weeks will be place value, moving on to addition and subtraction. See below for times tables information.



Other information

- PE kit will be needed for our sessions on a **Wednesday**. At this time of year there may still be opportunities to go outside; please ensure that children have their full kit available to them.
- The year four children will also have **chess** on a Wednesday afternoon.
- At the end of this academic year, all year four children across the country will complete a standardised times tables test. The expectation is that by the end of year four pupils should be fluent in all times tables up to 12x. Your child will often be directed towards a particular times table for a test by Mr Thomas or Miss Usher, however, it is essential that they practice as much as possible in their free time. Here is a useful website that we use in school that may be of benefit when learning at home:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>
- Children should have login details for **Spelling Shed** in their planners. This allows them to practice given spelling lists in preparation for tests.

Useful reminders

Homework

We will give children homework every **Thursday** and they need to return it by **Tuesday**. There is also a choice of Project Homework. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as one piece.

Reading at home

Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times per week. Please sign your child's record / planner each time your child reads at home. Children will receive a free book of their choice when they reach termly milestones! Children are expected to reach 50 reads by Christmas.

Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons while inside the school site please can children push scooters and bikes.

School uniform

Please ensure your child wears: black school shoes; white polo shirt; royal blue jumper or cardigan; black/grey school trouser/shirt/pinafore; hair accessories – school colours; no nail varnish or make-up.

Star of the Week

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they read 4 times in a week at home, follow the golden rules, wear correct uniform, have full attendance for the week and have no late marks.

Dates

- Monday 23rd September: Photograph day
- Friday 27th September: Roseberry Topping Y4 educational visit (letter to come soon)
- W/C 14th October: Parents' evening appointments
- Wednesday 23rd October: Harvest Festival 11:00am at school – parents/carers welcome
- Friday 25th October: Halloween Disco (KS2 5:15-6:15)
 - Friday 25th October: Break up for half term
- Saturday 26th October: Baby sale 10am – 12:30pm (dinner hall)
 - Monday 4th November: Back to school