

Year 4 Learning Letter - Spring 1

Welcome back. We hope you all had a great Christmas and we wish you a peaceful and healthy New Year.

We have lots of new content to learn this term and are all really excited to get started again. Coming up, the children will have a multiplications test so it is important that they continue to work hard to ensure that they know all of their times tables up to 12×12 .

We will continue to have weekly spelling and multiplication tests, so please continue to support your child with their learning of their new spelling words each week.

Year 4 Team



Please follow our Year 4 X for updates about what's happening in class
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Important information for you

Children should bring their reading books to school each day along with their reading records.

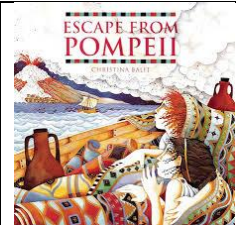
PE days for each class are

4.1	4.2	4.3
Swimming (Friday AM)	Tuesday	Friday

Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school or they can wear it on PE days. We will ensure that they are sent home **at the end of the half term**. If your child has swimming, please ensure they bring all the necessary kit.

Please read the Learning Grid on the other side for Y4 Homework.

English



We will be using the book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit to develop writing skills this half term.

This half term we will write the story from the point of view of one of the children. To do this we will:

- write a sequence of events following the structure of the model story
- create dialogue between characters, correctly punctuating direct speech
- use 3rd and 1st person consistently
- add historical detail to describe characters, settings and events
- organise paragraphs around a theme
- use conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time, place and cause
- proof read for spelling and punctuation errors

Maths

This half term, children will be focusing on:

Multiplication & Division - multiplying and dividing by 1 digit numbers confidently using written methods (shown below).

213×3

$78 \div 2$

$7 \div 2 = 3 \text{ remainder } 1$

$18 \div 2 = 9$

$78 \div 2 = 39$

Fractions - partitioning, comparing, adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. Converting between equivalent fractions, and between mixed numbers and improper fractions (methods shown below).

$6 \times 4 = 24$

$25 \times 4 = 100$

$2\frac{3}{5} = \frac{13}{5}$

$(2 \times 5) + 3 = 13$

Length and Perimeter

- Finding the perimeter of a rectangle
- Finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes
- Finding missing lengths
- Measure in km and m

Wider Curriculum in Year 4

Science - Sound - The children will describe how different objects produce different sounds and that the sound is produced by vibrations. They will describe sounds travelling through different mediums and explain the difference between pitch and volume.

Geography - Volcanoes and Earthquakes - Children will learn about how volcanoes are formed and where they are located. They will learn about the impacts of natural disasters.












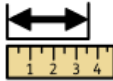





Computing - Creating media - Audio Production - Learners will use Audacity to produce a podcast, which will include editing their work, adding multiple tracks, and opening and saving audio files.

RE - Hinduism - Children will learn how Hindus worship God and the different aspects of Brahman.

PSHE - Dreams and Goals - children will talk about their hopes and dreams. They will discuss how it feels when dreams don't come true and how to cope with / overcome feelings of disappointment.

DI - Textiles - The children will design, make and evaluate a busy board using stitching and sewing techniques.

PE - Gymnastics - Children will explore stamina and the meaning of sustained physical exertion along with the importance of keeping physically active. The children will work on core strength, yoga and balancing techniques.

 ESSENTIAL WORK 	 HOME LEARNING CHALLENGES 		 STAR CHALLENGES 
<p>Essential work</p> <p>Read for 20 minutes each day or night at home</p> 	 <p>Create your own gymnastics sequence using some of the movements learned in lessons.</p>	 <p>Draw a picture of one of the Hindu gods/goddesses.</p>	 <p>Practice your stitching and sewing with a grown up. This is a tricky skill that needs practice.</p>
<p>Essential work</p> <p>With the MTC Check happening in the summer, please practise your timetables each night for 20 minutes.</p> 	 <p>Practice your measuring skills at home using a ruler in CM. You could keep a list of items that you have measured around your house.</p>	 <p>Create a game on Scratch (this is a free app and it has its own website). Follow YouTube tutorials to help you.</p>	 <p>Design a bag that could be made from recycled materials.</p>
<p>Essential work</p> <p>Can you use a decibel reader app and monitor the sound around your house? Can you find the quietest room? The noisiest room? The noisiest time of the day?</p> 	 <p>With the New Year, why not keep an empty jar with hopes and dreams for the year? On NYE 2025 you can read them back and read what a wonderful year you have had.</p>	 <p>Without giving too much away about our story in English, could you create a model of a volcano?</p>	