

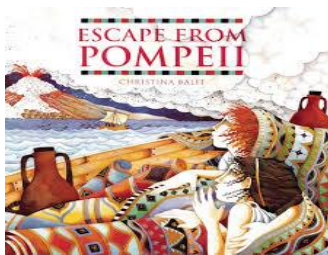
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome to Year 4! I hope you've all had a fantastic summer break, I'm sure your children are excited and eager to start on our many topics and activities. I am looking forward to teaching all of your children, as they move up to Year 4. Please find details of the topics that Year 4 will be covering in the Autumn Term; including ideas of how you can help at home.

English

We will be reading the book *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit; this is linked to our History topic of Roman Britain.



In this unit we will write a recount about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, from the perspective of the main character in the book, Tranio. We will also write instructions on how to play Jacks, a popular game in Roman times.

The second book we will be looking at is the wonderful story: *The Incredible Book Eating Boy* by Oliver Jeffers.

We will write a diary entry as the main character Henry, describing what happens in his terrible dream. We shall also produce an explanation text explaining how our bodies digest food.

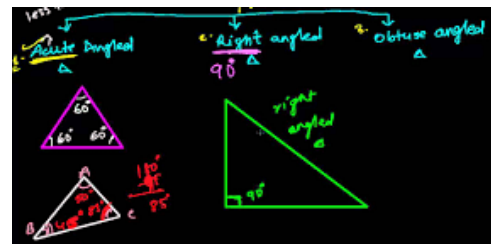
How can you help? Please try to read with your child at least twice per week. Ask your child questions about what they have read, to check their understanding.

Encourage your child to play on Spelling Frame to practice the rules we are learning in school.

Maths

During Autumn 1 we will be focusing on the place value of numbers up to 10,000. We will use this knowledge to mentally solve multiplication and division problems.

We will also learn about the properties of 2D shapes, identifying different angles, using the correct vocabulary.



We will be looking at decimals and fractions, and the relationship between the two.

We will continue with our weekly Multiplication Monday; focusing on the three, four, six and eight times tables this term.

How can you help? Please practise times tables with your child regularly, especially the six times tables as they are new this year.

In Autumn 2, we will learn to multiply numbers into the hundreds using grid method multiplication.

We will also be learning how to present data graphically and how to interpret this data.

History

We will be learning all about local Black History with our study of the Lancashire Cotton Trade and its' links to transatlantic slavery.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about their local area and how we have developed over time.

Art

We will look at the artist Gaudi and study how he used the collage technique within his work. We shall create our own piece of art, based on the work of Gaudi.

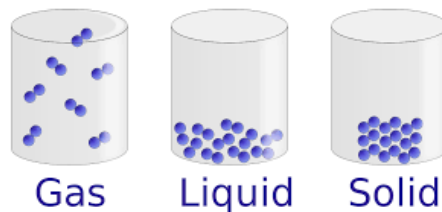


Computing

We will improve our basic computer skills during Autumn 1. We shall apply our computer skills to the software Publisher and create a poster to showcase our learning about Roman Britain.

Science

We are learning about states of matter. We will learn about the different properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will work scientifically to investigate how materials change state.



We will also learn about the human body, finding out about the different types of teeth, and how our bodies digest food.

R.E

Our R.E units this term include the Jewish Festival of Shabbat and Jesus the Son of God.

General Notices

- Every child will be assigned a ukulele to use this year. Our ukulele lessons will take place every Monday and ukuleles must be in school for this.
- P.E lessons for Autumn 1 are on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.
- Homework is on a grid with a variety of tasks. These need to be completed by **Monday 4th December**.
- Our Class Information night is on **Thursday 14th September**, further details to follow.
- Mrs Taylor will be teaching the children on Tuesday afternoons.

Miss Ayres and Mrs Taylor