

Year 4 Newsletter

September 2021

General Information

Welcome back everyone! We are so impressed at how quickly everyone has settled back into our daily routine. The children are looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and have adapted well to the changes throughout school. Well done everyone!

Teaching staff

Class 7 – Mr Cooper, Mrs Scothern and Mr Prideaux.

Class 8 – Miss Lievesley, Ms Jones and Mrs Epton

What are we learning?

Our topic this term is **Roman Life**, which will have cross-curricular links not just to history, but also maths, geography, art and D.T. We will be learning about the Roman Empire, the story of Romulus and Remus and the impact of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii.



In Geography, we will be exploring volcanoes in more detail, their impact on the environment and case studies of volcanic eruptions around the world. We will also be creating our own volcanoes to demonstrate our knowledge of volcanic eruptions and the various materials involved.

In P.E, Class 7 will be swimming on Tuesdays until February 2022 and then Class 8 will swap and go for the remainder of Year 4. Whilst Class 7 are swimming, Class 8 will be focusing on fitness in school with Mr Beet. Please make sure earrings are removed for PE (or covered with plasters if they are newly pierced).

In English, we are writing newspaper reports as well as diary entries to demonstrate our increased vocabulary and grammatical skills, all based on this term's book of the Matilda Effect which challenges gender stereotypes. Reading is an important part of the curriculum so alongside The Matilda Effect, we have already read about Romulus and Remus, The Owl and the Pussycat poem and are continuing to read our class book, The Nothing to See Here Hotel.

What are we reading?



The Matilda effect.
Ellie Irvine



The Nothing to see here hotel.
Stephen Butler

Times Tables

In Year 4, children are assessed on their knowledge of the times tables up to 12 x 12. Children have opportunities to practise their times tables in school, at the beginning of every maths lesson and on the Times Table Rockstars app. However, we have seen the most improvement when children practise for short periods at home every day. We suggest that children practise for 5 minutes a day. This can be on the TTR app or through counting and quizzes from parents! Children may also be encouraged to play Numbots to increase their number bond fluency.

Science

This term, we will be learning about changing states of matter – Solids, liquids and gases.

Homework

Homework will be provided for maths and English each Friday and needs returning by the following Friday. Returned homework will be logged and kept in a folder with points awarded for those who are consistent with completing it.