



Welcome back to what we very much hope will be an amazing Spring Term in Year 4! We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas break and that the children are well rested and ready to tackle some exciting new learning. All of the teachers in Year 4 have been amazed at how well the children have progressed so far in Year 4 - they are superstars.

We would like to reassure you that our doors are always open for any concerns or questions you may have about school life. We are always available on the playground at the end of the day, to call or you can contact us on your child's class Dojo account.



It is so important that children are in school on time so that they can have the best success with their learning and we really appreciate your support with this - please do let us know if you need support with attendance, we have lots of support available!



To help you support your child's learning this term, we have outlined the key learning for each subject below:

History Spring 1:	This half term we will be learning all about The Romans. Each week, the children will explore a different aspect of our theme. Throughout the term the children will learn all about life in Ancient Rome and how the Roman Empire expanded. We will also learn about the Roman's invasion of the United Kingdom and how they have impacted on our lives today.
Geography Spring 2:	This half term we will be learning all about volcanos and earthquakes. Each week, the children will explore a different aspect of our theme. Throughout the term the children will learn all about the layers of the earth; how volcanos and earthquakes are formed; how they are measured and we will look at some case studies.
Maths: -÷×+	 This term will focus on securing knowledge and developing the following concepts: Multiplication & Division: Being able to use long and short methods of multiplication and division. Length & Perimeter: Being able to use units of measurement and count squares to find perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Fractions: Utilising a range of skills with fractions including representing, counting, recognising and adding and subtracting fractions.
Writing:	In our writing we are focusing on securing and deepening our knowledge of expanded noun phrases, adverbials, conjunctions, speech and prepositions. We will be demonstrating this in a range of fiction and non-fiction writing. We will be writing short stories, non-chronological reports, letters and diary entries.
Reading:	We are developing children's fluency, accuracy and retrieval skills by exploring a range of genres and texts. We will also be developing a range of strategies to help us to understand the meaning tricky words.
Homework:	Homework will be given weekly to children every Friday. It is expected to be completed and handed in by the following Friday. Reading: Children are aware that they need to read 5 times a week no nnto help them develop their fluency and a love of reading. A bookmark is provided weekly for you to sign to say they have read. Reading books are due in on a Friday and will go out on a Friday. Maths: Will focus on the weekly learning. Times tables: In the summer term, the children will sit a government set multiplication test. In school, we will do daily times table lessons and we will also send out weekly homework. We will send home an activity to complete and the children are expected to practice on times table rockstars at home. Spelling: Children need to practice their weekly spellings at least 3 times, these will be sent home to you. Theme: Each term, a project related to your child's theme will be posted on class dojo for you to complete together and needs bring it at the end of the half term!
P.E:	Please ensure that children come into school with the correct P.E kit on which is black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a red top. P.E is on Monday and Tuesday. They can also wear a school jumper or cardigan in the cooler weather.

Thank you for all your support,

