

# Year 4 – Autumn 1

## English

Our English this half term will focus on a picture book called **Escape from Pompeii**. Whilst reading this book, we will be writing setting descriptions, creating sets of instructions after playing a Roman game, and even composing our own poems to describe volcanic eruptions.

As always, regular reading is vital for child to make good progress with their English skills, and we recommend children read 3 times a week at home. Please ensure that home reading sessions are recorded in your child's reading record.



## Maths

Our Maths lessons will follow the structure of the National Curriculum, with a particular focus on place value and calculation skills this half term.

It is important in Year 4 that children have a secure understanding of their times tables, right up to 12x12. Any help at home towards this would be hugely beneficial towards your child's progress.

## Computing

We will be focusing our computing lessons this half term on e – safety, and discussing the different ways in which we can keep ourselves safe when using technology online.

## Science

Our Science topic for the half term is **sound**. We will look at what sound is and how it travels, how we hear sound and how pitch and tempo can affect different sounds.

## RE

Our learning this half term with Mrs Worrall will be based around the question 'What do different people believe about God?'

## PSHE

We will be using "Philosophy for Children" to discuss a wide range of topics, which will help us improve our questioning skills and deepen our thinking.

## Topic

Our topic for this half term is the **Romans**. We will be learning all about why the Romans invaded Britain and the effect they had on this country, even up to the present day. This will be supplemented with our exciting trip to Chester towards the end of the half term.

## Art and Design Technology

This half term we will be designing and creating our own musical instruments and evaluating their effectiveness. We may even use them to put together our own Year 4 band!

## PE

Year 4 will continue to follow the 'Real PE' scheme this year, where the children will learn about agility and co-ordination through team sports. This will then be worked into the games we play, which this term includes tag rugby.

## French

With the help of Miss Thiery, children will be learning the names of different family members, the days of the week and the months in French.

## Music

Children in Year 4 get the opportunity to begin to learn a brass instrument. This happens on a Tuesday morning in 4C. 4B will have their brass lessons next term.