

### Dear Year 4 children and parents

Welcome back. For this short half-term our topic is called 'The Floor Is Lava!.

#### Dates for your diary

May Day Bank Holiday (School Closure) **Monday 5th May.**

School closes for the Whitsun holiday. **Thursday 22nd May.**

School reopens **Monday 9th June.**

**Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** Week beginning 9th June.

Hadrian's Wall Residential Trip **Wednesday 2nd July to Friday 4th July**

### PE

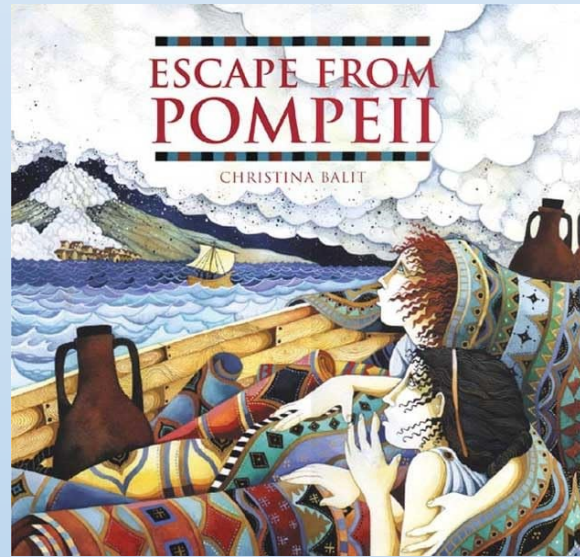
Mrs Olphin will be delivering gymnastics sessions every Tuesday afternoon so please ensure that you have your indoor PE kit with you. On Thursday the children will be outside with our sports' coaches. Most parents find that leaving a bag in school with a set of kit is the best solution.

### Art / Design Technology

The children will be looking at the work of a contemporary artist and book illustrator Christina Balit. She illustrated 'Escape From Pompeii' and the children will try and emulate her style of printing and collage to create a volcano picture of their own.

### Spanish

Months of the year (*los meses*), seasons (*las estaciones*) and the weather (*el tiempo*) will form the backbone of Spanish this term.



### Geography

An exciting topic on volcanoes should capture the children's interest this half term. We hope that they will understand why volcanic activity and earthquakes are concentrated at the margins of The Earth's tectonic plates. They will understand how The Earth is made of different layers and that the molten magma that lies beneath the crust may emerge violently from a volcano. Finally they will consider why some people may continue to live close to volcanoes despite the danger.

### Mathematics

In mathematics we are finally moving on from fractions to cover a number of areas this term. In shape and space we want the children to both measure and calculate perimeter, recognise reflective symmetry and angles bigger and smaller than a right angle. We will also explore the link between fractions (tenths and hundredths) and decimals. Remember that your child has access to both Maths Whizz and Times Table Rock Stars at school and at home on any internet enabled device.

### English

In English the focus will be on diary writing. We plan to use the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of the Roman Town of Pompeii as a backdrop to a young person's diary.

Weekly spellings will continue so please remember those yellow test books each Thursday. There is usually a weekly spelling 2Do to complete on PurpleMash. Whilst in class the children will complete handwriting and word level activities based upon this weekly list.

Although you may consider your child a fluent reader, taking time out to share a few pages of their book and completing their reading record will help maintain their interest.

### Computing

Children will be using 2Animate to create an animated film addressing the themes in this term's topic.