

Friday 12th April

Year 3 and 4 Summer Newsletter

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and to hear all about their restful Easter breaks. I can't believe that we are here at the start of summer term; we have had such a busy year already! There is so much to look forward to in the summer term.

Were the Romans Rotten or Remarkable?

Throughout spring term, we thoroughly enjoyed trying to make our minds up if the Romans were rotten or remarkable. We explored many elements of Roman history and understood their impact on our home city of York. It has been fantastic to have many of you to come into school this week to see the children's fantastic performances in our Café Assemblies. Thank you again for all your ongoing support.

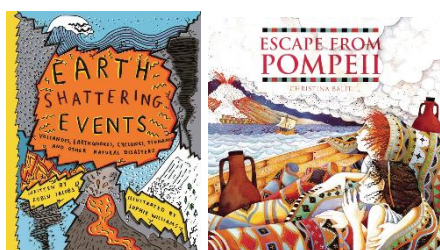
Summer 1- What Makes the Earth Angry?

This half-term our learning has a geography focus as we work towards answering our big question 'What Makes the Earth Angry?' We will be learning about a range of well-known volcanoes and some equally famous, rumbling earthquakes. Our starting point is exploring the eruption of Mt Vesuvius and its lasting effects on the city of Pompeii- a great connection to our previous topic the Romans. We are so excited to complete some writing about this in our English lessons based on the book 'Escape from Pompeii'. Please keep an eye out for our knowledge organiser in your child's reading record.

We have made so many great connections through our learning in Maths so far this year. Throughout this half term, Year 4 will be making connections between fractions and decimals before moving on to learn about time. Year 3 will be starting the half term exploring money before moving on to learn more about at time.

Class Texts

We will be looking at the following texts to support our learning:



Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



Summer 2- What Made the Maya Magnificent?

During summer 2 we will be travelling back in time to explore the ancient civilisation of the Maya. Amongst many things, they were famous for using the cacao bean- the plant that chocolate comes from!

PE Days

Your child will be taking part in PE twice a week, please send your child in their PE kit on their allocated days. Full PE kit details can be found on the school website. Please see below for your child's PE days:

3RH	Monday	Tuesday
3EB	Wednesday	Thursday
3SS	Wednesday	Friday
4AL	Monday	Thursday
4LJ	Wednesday	Thursday
4PL	Wednesday	Thursday

Trips and Experiences

Year 4 had such a wonderful time exploring the history of York and viewing the beautiful stained glass windows of the Minster. This term, it is Year 3's turn for a trip out of school with an exciting trip to the National Railway Museum to visit their Wonderlab, more details to follow. Year 4 will be having a Westfield first with a 'big camp' taking place at school in July; more details will follow in the coming weeks.

Home Learning

As ever, we are so grateful for all the support that you provide with Home Learning. Please continue to encourage your child to read at least 3 times per week and record this in their reading record. The year 4 children are preparing for their Multiplication Check, please keep encouraging the use of Times table Rockstars at home- Year 3, it is great to see so many of you also engaging with this. We are really proud of your efforts.

Kind regards,

Miss Jones (Year 3&4 lead) and the LKS2 team.



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