

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely Christmas holiday!

This term our topic 'The Pebble in my Pocket' is based on a picture book by Meredith Hooper and Chris Coady, which recounts the history of our Earth. Our topic focus will be on volcanoes, including how they are formed, where they are located and the impact they have on the Earth.

Home Learning

Your child will receive a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic. Each week we will also hand out a Maths home learning task. **All Home Learning must be handed in by Tuesday to give time to mark it, ready to send the new tasks home on Wednesdays.**

Children will be tested on their spellings every Friday. Spellings will be given out every Monday for your children to practise at home, so please support them in doing this.

In addition to weekly home learning, we expect all children to:

- Read daily (with an adult or independently)
- Practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12 (www.multiplication.com and 'hit the button' are great websites for this)

Mathletics

We have noticed that there are not many children making use of this fantastic resource, which is paid for by the FoAKS through their fundraising.

Mathletics is an excellent way for your child to recap and practise what they have learnt in school, so please encourage them to use it 2-3 times a week, for no more than 30 minutes at a time.



General Reminders...

For the Spring term, PE will be on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

It is essential that children have a **full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle**. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson.

Forest School sessions:

This term, our Forest School sessions will take place on Wednesday 10th January and Wednesday 7th February. Please send your child to school with appropriate warm, waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear for these lessons as we don't have spare kit in school. Children **must not** wear shorts or short-sleeved tops, as their arms and legs need to be protected.

Water Bottles and Coats

Several children come to school each day without a water bottle and then complain of feeling unwell. **Please make sure your child has a refillable water bottle in school and brings a coat each day.** Our lessons don't always take place in the classroom, so we need your children to be prepared for outdoor learning, whatever the weather!

Mrs Boswell

Mrs Voss



Class 4 Topic Overview Term 3

| Subject | Year 4 |
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| Theme | The Pebble in my Pocket |
| Christian Value | Perseverance |
| English | Poetry Storytelling Non-chronological reports |
| Maths | Multiplication & Division Area |
| Science | Rocks |
| ICT | Coding |
| History | |
| Geography | Volcanoes |
| R.E. | Christianity |
| Art & Design | Clay techniques |
| Design Technology | |
| P.E. | Mr Tanner |
| Music | Charanga |
| P.H.S.C.E. | |
| French | All around town & transport |
| Wow Events | |
| Assembly for Parents | |
| Community Links | Diocese visit |
| SMSC Social Moral Spiritual and Cultural | Forest School Mindfulness with Ms Tromans |