



St Mark's CE Primary School
'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2



Our Learning Challenge for this term is, 'Why were the Romans so powerful?'

This will be a study of the Roman Empire, their invasion of Britain and its impact on the lives of the early Britons; such as influences and inventions that are still used now e.g. straight roads, Roman Baths and aqueducts. The children will explore the reasons for the Roman invasion and create a timeline for when the Romans first arrived and when they left.

Literacy

During this half term, we will be introducing newspaper reports, which are recounts of different events. We will be using a story called, 'Escape from Pompeii', which explores the imagery and historical events that happened that day. There will be opportunities to write newspaper articles describing the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Following this, the children will continue to use the features of a newspaper report to create their own report on England's flood disasters that have happened this year.



Maths

For this half term, the children will be exploring the relationship between fractions and decimals, before being introduced to multiplying by three single digit numbers;

E.g. $3 \times 4 \times 5 = (12 \times 5 \text{ or } 20 \times 3)$

Please can we remind you that all children in Year 4 need to know their multiplication tables up to 12x12.

To support your child in this, please encourage them to access 'Times Table Rockstars' online if they are able to do so.

Reading

Please continue to listen to your children read every night at home. We recognise that at times this is not an easy task, but thank you for your commitment to this.

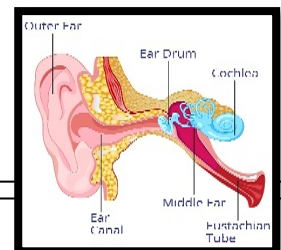
The children will continue to have daily guided reading sessions as well as individual readers with the class teacher or support staff.

All children will also continue to have access to the 'Bug Club' online library. Please encourage your children to access this fantastic resource at home if you are able to do so.



Science

Our topic for Science this half term will be Sound. We will be identifying that sounds are created through vibrations, around us. We will work to recognise how vibrations from sounds travel through to the ear. We will also be labelling a diagram of the ear and learning the relevant vocabulary for the different parts of the outer and inner ear.



P.E.

For children in 4W, P.E. will be on a Wednesday morning and 4B's P.E. will be a Thursday morning.

Please ensure that your child wears the correct P.E. Kit to school on the correct day.

Our P.E. kit is black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt and **black** pumps or trainers.

Children should wear their school jumper or cardigan with their P.E. Kit.

Jewellery should not be worn on P.E. days.