

YEAR 4

SUMMER 1

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back!

Welcome to Summer term! I hope you had a lovely break after putting on such a wonderful production last half term.

As the weather warms up, please remember to bring in a fresh water bottle each day to stay hydrated.

This half term we will be fundraising to raise money for our trip in Summer 2.

GEOGRAPHY

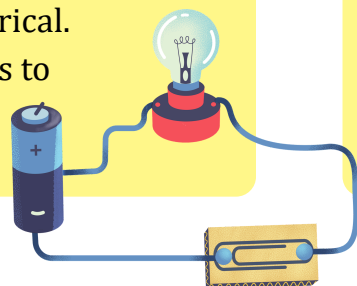
Our Geography topic this half term is Extreme Earth where we will be exploring the layers of the Earth, volcanoes, tornadoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

We will be exploring how each of these affect people's lives.

SCIENCE

Our science topic this half term is electricity! We will be investigating circuits, switches and all things electrical.

This topic also links to our DT topic!



PE and Swimming

PE will be on **Thursdays** this half term and we will be going swimming on **Wednesdays**.

Homework

Homework will be sent out every week on **Friday** and should be returned by the following **Friday**. Spelling tests will also be on **Friday**.

A creative homework grid will be sent out for you to choose from. Creative homework will be displayed in class!

Important Dates

- Each Friday of Summer 1 - bun sales - info on Class Dojo.
- Thursday 30th April - Class photos.
- Monday 4th May - May Day bank holiday, school closed.
- Friday 22nd May - Break up for half term.
- Monday 1st June - Back to school.



What are we learning?

MATHS

In maths we are finishing our fractions work before moving on to decimal learning.



With our Times Tables Check in June, we will be practising our times tables as much as possible in class. Please support this at home with regular practise and use of Times Tables Rockstars - screen free practise booklets available in class.

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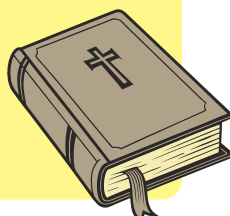
Linking to our geography learning, we will be writing poetry about extreme Earth conditions before writing newspaper articles about tsunamis.

READING

In Love to Read we are reading *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit before moving onto non-fiction texts and haikus about extreme weather.

RE

Mrs Bailey will be taking us on a 'Walk Through the Bible' this half term, exploring all the stories of the Old Testament.



DT

In DT we will be creating our own lamps, using our electricity knowledge from our science topic.



Things you could do!

- Visit Magna Science Adventure and explore the Earth, Air, Fire and Water pavilions - all of which connect to our Geography topic.
- DIY Volcano Experiment - make a baking soda and vinegar volcano to simulate eruptions - can you decorate your volcano model before it erupts?
- Visit the Be Curious family fun day at the University of Leeds for hands-on activities, interactive experiments and eye-opening discoveries - 16th May.

Attendance and punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each morning. If your child is going to be absent or late, please notify Mrs Wren in the office.