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**Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Mrs Armstrong**

**English**

We will be working from the book, 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. This is a beautiful picture book that tells the story of a young Roman boy escaping from the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The children will learn more about Roman daily life and look at what happened in Pompeii. There will be many writing opportunities from the book including; a diary recount about the events of the eruption, a setting description based on Pompeii after the eruption and a narrative about the story.

**Mathematics**

We will be continuing our work on addition and subtraction, learning how to find the area of a shape and discovering more about multiplication and division. It is vital that your child practises their times tables regularly at home as well as in school.

**Science**

We will learn how to collect and analyse data relating to living things.

We will then move onto states of matter and explore solids, liquids and gases.

**Geography**

We will be learning:

- The structure of the earth
- How volcanoes and different types of mountains are formed
- Cement our knowledge of the continents and oceans
- Locate mountain ranges and volcanoes across the globe employing previous skills in using world maps

**Spanish**

We will be learning how to introduce ourselves and our family members. We will also learn to count from 0 to 100 in Spanish.

**Design and Technology**

We will be researching, planning and creating our own light up Christmas card.

**PE**

We will be doing outdoor and adventurous activities team building activities so the children will need to wear sensible outdoor PE clothing, We will also continue swimming this half term.

**Computing**

We will continue developing our computing skills using Scratch to sequence, use conditionals and add a variety of inputs and outputs.

**Useful Information**

**What can you do to help your child?**

Please could you encourage your child to use TTRS to ensure they have a rapid recall of the multiplication facts.

Please read with your child at least 3 times during the week. Thank you for your support with this.

Reading books and diaries will need to be in school every day.

**Online Resources**

TTRock Stars  
 Edshed  
 Conquer Maths

**PE Days**

We have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure

PE kits are in school. We will continue to have swimming on a Monday.

For safety reasons long hair will need to be tied back and earrings also need to be removed.

Story time texts this half term...