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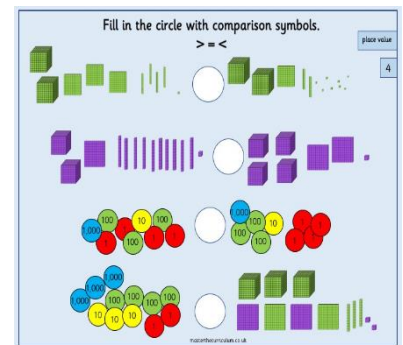
Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Year 4

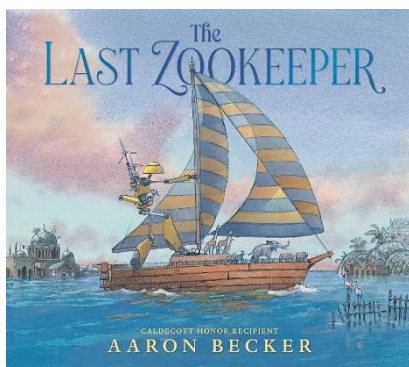
Dear Year 4 Parents and Guardians,

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year and have settled in brilliantly! We wanted to write to you to fill you in on all the wonderful learning taking place across the curriculum so far and still to come in the Autumn term.

In maths, we will be deepening our knowledge of place value and will be looking at rounding, finding 1,000-more and 1,000-less, greater and less than (including using the symbols: $>$, $<$, $=$) and ordering numbers from 'smallest' to 'greatest'. In the next three weeks, we will be moving on to addition and subtraction. The children will be securing their knowledge and fluency on adding and subtracting 2 and 3-digit numbers before moving on to 4-digits. Along the way, there will be problem-solving opportunities and time for children to reason and reflect on the various strategies introduced over the term.



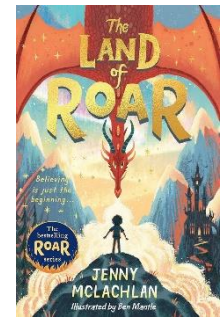
We will be setting the relevant times tables on Times Table Rockstars and would encourage regular practise. If you have any problems logging on, please feel free to contact the school. Attached to this email is a parent workbook that will assist you with following our White Rose Maths scheme of learning.



This term, our literacy will be inspired by the imaginative work of Aaron Becker and his book, *The Last Zookeeper*. The children will focus on developing more advanced sentence structures, incorporating various clauses to express their thoughts effectively. In the coming weeks, we will use role play to explore the world of the story, starting with a detailed setting description, followed by a diary entry from one of the key characters. Our final piece will be a persuasive letter. Throughout the unit, the children will demonstrate their

understanding of first person, adverbs, fronted adverbials, paragraphs, and the use of conjunctions to enhance clarity in their writing.

Our class novel this term is 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlan. We will use this time to read to the children 5 minutes every day. As we read, we will ask the children prediction questions, and discuss the meanings of words they might not know. In our reading sessions, the children will study a different type of text every week. Each day is dedicated to a different skill or activity based on said text.



Which leads us onto Science! Science this term is all about electricity. We will focus on enquiry questions which drive the topics and give children the crucial skills to mimic what scientists do. In the coming weeks, we will be constructing circuits, exploring materials that conduct and insulate electricity and how we can generate electricity through solar, wind and hydro.

The wider curriculum will also provide us with some great learning experiences this term. We have been learning about Hinduism in RE, building the children's understanding of what it could mean to belong to a religion. Digital Literacy will be our main focus in computing, where we will be selecting apps for purpose and using technology to collaborate. In History, we have begun looking at the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. Having evaluated the reasons why Rome was able to expand, we have been looking at how Britain changed under Roman rule. In art, the children will be doing a study of classic architecture, painting and drawings looking at the works of the Renaissance period. Focusing on the artists Leonardo Da Vinci and Michelangelo, who were both key figures during this period. The children will deepen their understanding of how to create different types of line when drawing (using pen pencil, chalk and charcoal) and build on skills needed for close observational drawing.

For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website: <https://www.halstow.greenwich.sch.uk/node/3>

PE Days:

Miss Cole's Class : Wednesdays (Swimming) and Friday

Mrs Jones's Class Wednesdays (Swimming) and Friday

The children will need to be wearing trainers and comfortable clothes on these days please! Also please ensure your child brings with them a towel and swimming costume on their swimming day.

Upcoming Events:

Roman Day 26th September

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Cole and Mrs Jones