

# Halstow Primary School

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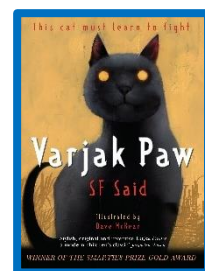
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## Summer 1 Newsletter Year 4

Dear Parents and Guardians,

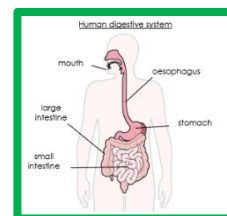
Welcome to the summer term! During our Literacy & Reading sessions, we will be diving into the exciting and suspenseful world of *Varjak Paw* by SF Said. This gripping novel follows the journey of a young Mesopotamian Blue cat named Varjak, who ventures out into the unknown to save his family. Along the way, he uncovers ancient secrets, encounters danger, and learns what it truly means to be brave. The main writing focus in our writing this term will be to use speech marks correctly, expanded noun phrases and a narrow focus on fronted adverbials.



In Math, we have begun by consolidating our learning about decimals before moving onto money and time. We are continuing to prepare the children for the Multiplication Times table Check (MTC) in early June, so please continue to support your children to learn and practise these at home.



This term, our Science topic is *Animals, including Humans*. We'll be learning about the simple functions of the digestive system and exploring how our bodies process food. We'll also investigate the different types of teeth we have and their roles in eating. Finally, we'll dive into the world of food chains, identifying producers, predators, and prey, and understanding how living things are connected in nature.



This term in Geography, we're focusing on how climate change is affecting the polar regions - Antarctica and the Arctic. We'll explore the impact of rising temperatures on wildlife, ice coverage, and ecosystems. We will examine human contributions to climate change, and learn how we can take positive action to protect our planet.



In Art, we will be learning about the symbolism and colour in Frida Kahlo's paintings and use these to create our own drawings, pastels, watercolours and collages.



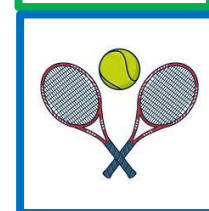
In RE, we will be learning about Islam, focusing on Ramadan and the Five Pillars. We'll explore why Muslims fast during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and learn about Eid ul-Fitr, the celebration that marks its end with prayer, family, and a festive meal.



In Spanish, Year 4 will be learning all about *la familia with Angel Language*. We'll be using key vocabulary such as *¿Tienes hermanos?*, *Sí, tengo un hermano*, *No, soy hija única*, and *¿Cómo se llama tu hermano?*.



In PE we will be learning tennis. Pupils will develop basic skills such as forehand, backhand, and ball control, while improving coordination and footwork. They'll also enjoy fun games to build confidence and teamwork. PE days: Mrs Jones's class Monday and Miss Cole's class Tuesday.



For an overview of all subjects, please visit the 'Curriculum' page on the Halstow website.

### **Key Dates:**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – bank holiday

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – online safety parent workshop in the evening. Time still to be confirmed.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May **Half Term Break**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June **Children return to school**

If you need to contact us about anything, please get in touch with the school office on [hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk](mailto:hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk) and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

All the best to you and your families,

Mrs Jones & Miss Cole