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Summer 2 Newsletter Year 4

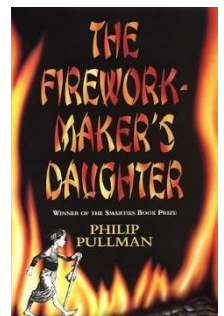
Dear Year 4 Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to share that Year 4 has had a fantastic start to the Summer 2 term, with lots of exciting and engaging learning taking place across the curriculum.



In Maths, our focus in lessons this term is on geometry, where children are exploring angles, lines of symmetry, and polygons. Following this, they will move on to statistics, learning how to create and interpret data, and then explore position and direction by plotting coordinates and describing translations on a grid. Please note that the children will be taking the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) during the first two weeks of June. Your continued support in helping them practise their times tables at home is greatly appreciated.

Literacy this term continues to be centred around Varjak Paw. The children will be writing a suspenseful retelling of key chapters, with a focus on expanded noun phrases, direct and reported speech, and sensory language. Later, we will produce a persuasive brochure aimed at Year 3 pupils, encouraging them to attend the PGL trip to Marchant's Hill, using their own experiences from the Year 4 School Journey. Reading sessions will feature *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*, a fantasy adventure by Philip Pullman. Through this text, children will explore rich vocabulary and develop deeper comprehension skills.



Our Science learning this term builds on our topic of Animals Including Humans. The children will investigate how environmental changes affect living things and understand why stable environments are essential for survival.

In Spanish our topic this term is, *Mi Casa*. Children will learn to describe their homes, the types of houses they live in, and key vocabulary related to rooms and household amenities. They will also practise useful phrases such as "I live in the mountains" or "In my home there is...".



History this term takes us into the world of the Anglo-Saxons, Scots, and Vikings. We will explore British settlement by the Anglo-Saxons and Scots, and the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England up to the time of Edward the Confessor. Our key enquiry question is: How does the governance of the Vikings and Saxons still affect us today? Children will engage in debates, explore primary and secondary sources, and learn key historical vocabulary such as pagan, warrior, raider, monastery, and

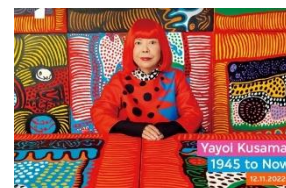
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Design and Technology will focus on healthy eating and living. The children will learn about the nutritional value of different foods and drinks, how to store them correctly, and how to evaluate and improve their own healthy flapjack creations based on flavour, texture, and appearance.



In our Religious Education lessons this term, we will continue our exploration of Islam, focusing on the significance of Hajj. Children will learn about pilgrimage, the stories associated with the places visited during Hajj, and how this experience helps Muslims feel part of a global community.

Arts Week will take us on a creative journey through Asia. Our inspiration will come from Yayoi Kusama, a renowned Japanese artist known for her iconic use of polka dots across various artistic mediums including painting, sculpture, and installation. We will be creating various plants and vegetation inspired by her art!



PE Days:

Mrs Jones' Class: **Mondays**

Miss Coles' Class: **Tuesdays**

Can the children wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days please!

Key Dates:

Year 4 Viking Day 4th July

Sports Day 8th July

School Trips – Natural History Museum:

Miss Coles' Class – Thursday 17th July 2025

Mrs Joes' Class – Friday 11th July

Volunteers are still needed

We hope you enjoy hearing about our learning from the children at home.

We are looking forward to a term full of creativity, curiosity, and continued growth. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

Warm regards,
Miss Cole and Mrs Jones