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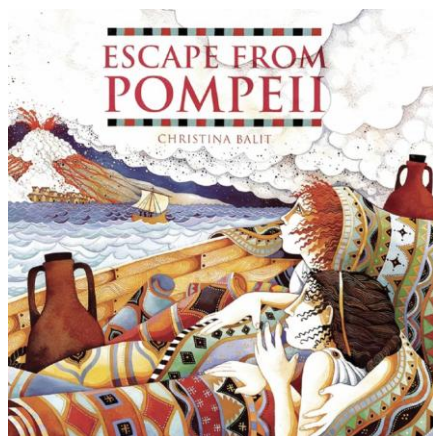
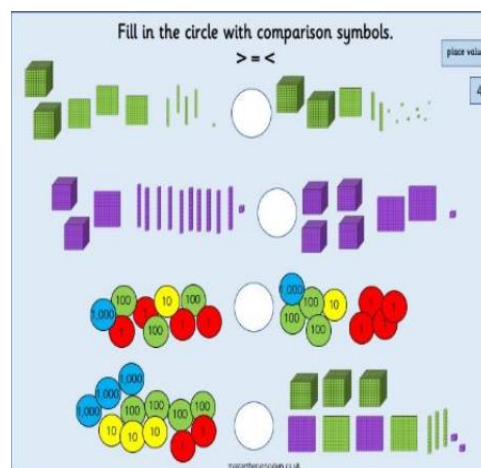


Autumn Term 1 Newsletter Year 4

Dear Year 4 parents and carers,

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year and have settled in brilliantly! Each half term, we will send out a newsletter outlining our key learning for the term. Below is some information on all the wonderful learning taking place across the curriculum this 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'. Following that, 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 have provided logins to all children for Times Table Rockstars and would encourage regular practice at home of times tables up to 12×12 . Also attached to this email are two maths workbooks linked to our White Rose scheme of learning. These are a useful tool if you would like to pre-teach the maths units to support your child's learning, or to do at the end of a unit to consolidate their learning.



In Literacy will be taking inspiration from Christina Balit's dramatic story 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children will explore the story about the life of Tranio, a young boy witnessing the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. This ties in closely with our history topic of the Roman Empire, allowing the children to see how daily Roman life was suddenly transformed by this historic event. Over the coming weeks, we will learn a range of techniques to help us then write a detailed recount of Pompeii before and during the eruption from the point of view of the young boy trying to escape. The children will then move on to exploring some

poetry on volcanoes and use their growing knowledge to create a vivid setting description of an erupting volcano! Throughout the term we will be developing our use of past tense verbs; expanded noun phrases; adverbials for time, manner and place; prepositional phrases and subordinating conjunctions to make our writing flow and engaging to the reader.

Wider Curriculum

For our wider curriculum our science is all about electricity. In the coming weeks, we will be constructing circuits, exploring materials that conduct and insulate electricity and learning how we can generate electricity through solar, wind and hydro. We will be 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 will be looking at the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will evaluate the reasons why Rome was able to expand and look 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. We will be focusing on the artists Leonardo Da Vinci and Michaelangelo, who were both key figures during this period. The children will deepen their understanding of how to create different types of line and texture when drawing and will 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.compassps.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=18>

PE Days:

Ms Tonkin's Class have outdoor PE on Mondays and swimming on Thursdays.

Mrs Rowe's class has outdoor PE on Fridays and swimming on Wednesdays.

For outdoor PE the children will need to be wearing trainers and comfortable clothes on these days please!

PPA and cover

As part of our Year 4 team, many of you will be familiar with Vicky and Miss PG (music teacher), who will be working across both Year 4 classes to cover our time out of class on a Tuesday afternoon. Alongside this, Mrs Rowe will be covered by Mrs Thorn on a Monday.

We look forward to sharing some of your child's wonderful learning with you at parents evening later this term. If you need to contact us before parents evening, please contact the school office and they will pass on a message to us. If you have any questions, you can contact us through the office at hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

All the best to you and your families,
Ms Tonkin and Mrs Rowe