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Spring 1 Newsletter Year 4

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

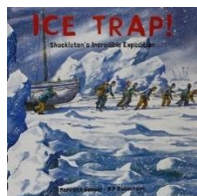
Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely break. We are looking forward to the exciting learning that will be taking place this term in Year 4:

Maths

We are beginning the term by deepening the children's understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and finding factors of numbers. We will then be moving on to multiplying and dividing 2- and 3-digit numbers by a single digit. Following this, we will explore finding missing dimensions and calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Later in the term, we will focus on fractions and decimals in greater depth. Along the way, there will be plenty of opportunities for problem-solving, as well as time for children to reason and reflect on the strategies introduced throughout the term. Alongside this newsletter, we are providing White Rose workbooks to help consolidate learning taking place in Class. Please also continue practising times tables at home, up to the 12 times table.



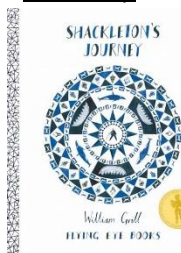
Reading



To begin the term we are reading the book Ice Trap by Meredith Hooper. We will be exploring Ernest Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica and the many challenges he and his crew faced. Following this, we will explore the book Viking Boy by Tony Bradman, linked to our history topic on the Vikings.



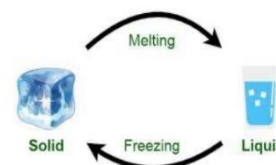
Literacy



We will be using Shackleton's Journey by William Grill as stimuli for writing a recount of Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica on the Endurance. The second half of the term we will be writing a non-chronological report on the Vikings.

The Wider Curriculum

The topic for science this term will be states of matter. Within this topic, children will use their prior knowledge to explore everyday materials and develop simple descriptions, e.g. solids hold their shape; liquids form a pool not a pile; gases escape from an unsealed container. They will also observe materials that change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in.



In Religious Education, we will be exploring the life of Jesus and the impact his death has to Christians. During this topic the children will be exploring different bible passages and using inference skills to explore the deeper meaning.

PSHE this term, we will be discussing diving into the topic of feeling and emotion. We will look at how we can manage our feelings using a series of scenarios to guide our understanding.



Our Geography topic this term, will use primary and secondary resources to compare the climate of the UK with that of the numerous other countries. This builds on last term's focus on global warming its effect on the Arctic.

In Spanish, we will be exploring the seasons of the year. In particular, key phrases to express the seasons and have conversational sentences about how which seasons we prefer and why.



This is our final term of swimming lessons (up until February half-term). Mrs Rowe's class go swimming on Wednesday mornings and Ms Tonkin's class on Thursday mornings. We will also be learning gymnastics this term, with the focus of learning being to explore movements and balances creating bridges. On PE days, please can children come in wearing comfortable clothing that is suitable for exercising in and any long hair please have tied back. Mrs Rowe's class have gymnastics on Fridays and Ms Tonkin's class is on Wednesdays.

Key dates

16 th January	9.00-10.00am Halstow Speakeasy event in Bell House Halstow. An opportunity to chat with fellow Halstow parents, make friends and meet the Inclusion Team and Senior Leaders.
26 th January	Trip to The National Maritime Museum for a Viking workshop (packed lunch needed unless already opted in for a school one)
9 th February	5.30-6.00pm Zones of regulation online information session to parents
10 th February	4pm-7pm parents Evening Mrs Rowe and Ms Tonkin's classes. Mrs Tilley will also be offering drop-in sessions to show the format of the Multiplication Times Table check that takes place in June.
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12 th February	4pm – 7pm parents Evening Mrs Rowe's class
16 th -20 th February	Half term

If you have any questions, please contact us through the office at halstow@compassps.uk

All the best to you and your families,

Mrs Rowe and Ms Tonkin

Year 4 Team