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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.

Maths

This term we will begin with consolidating place value. After the first few weeks, the children will be adding and subtracting numbers with up to four digits. Additionally, discrete problem solving will provide children to think laterally and apply their growing skill set. To help at home, ask your child different ways to approach a problem. Discuss how this might have been different when you were in school.

Whole School Project

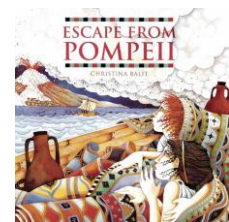
We begin the year with a focus on storytelling and oracy. Professional storytellers will visit the school for assemblies and workshops to get the children excited about telling and writing their own stories. Be sure to ask them about it!

Literacy

In Literacy will be taking inspiration from Christina Balit's dramatic story 'Escape from Pompeii'. The story supports our history topic of the Roman Empire, allowing the children to see how daily Roman life was suddenly transformed by this historic event.

Reading

In class we will be reading Philip Pullman's *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. If you have a copy at home, please feel free to send it in with your child for daily lessons.



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Wider Curriculum

Science – electricity

R.E. - Hinduism

History – Romans

Art – Renaissance art

Computing – Digital Literacy

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:

Year 4 will have P.E. on Monday afternoons. For outdoor PE the children will need to be wearing trainers and comfortable clothes please.

Swimming will be on Wednesday mornings. A separate letter will be emailed about this.

Home Learning

In year 4, children are encouraged to set aside 30 minutes a day for home learning:

5 mins TTRS 5 mins spellings practice 20 minutes reading

Over the weekend, we will send home an additional sheet to introduce the new spellings and provide some maths fluency practice.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

All the best to you and your families,

Ms Thorn and Mrs Gambier