



## Year 4 Spring Newsletter 2018

Happy New Year from the Year 4 team, we hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas break and are ready for another busy but exciting term.

In our first topic, 'How to Move a Mountain,' we will be finding out about the causes and effects volcanoes and earthquakes have on people and the changes they create in the landscapes around them. The children will learn about the positive and negative aspects of living near a volcano and what to do in the event of an earthquake. We will continue to develop our map skills and use them to ask and answer questions about the similarities and differences in the locations of volcanoes around the world.

In the second half of the term, 'It's Showtime'. Our science topic will focus on sound, how it is produced, how it travels and how we can use it best in our Easter production. The children will be writing their own play scripts and designing posters to encourage you all to come and see "Hammers and Nails, Resurrection Tales."

Well done to 4G and 4T who won the inter-class challenges last term. 4G achieved this in netball skills and 4T in a learning quiz. Good luck to 4C this term.

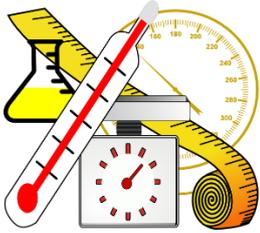
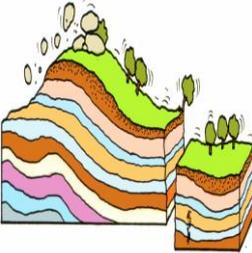
As always we love to hear from you. If you have any photographs of a visit to a volcanic region we would love to see them. Likewise if you feel you have a talent for prop making please feel free to speak to your child's teacher nearer the time of our production as we will be holding props workshops.

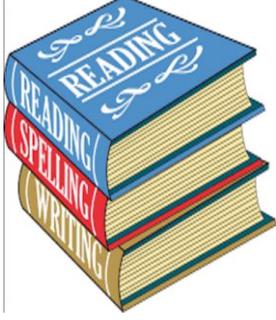
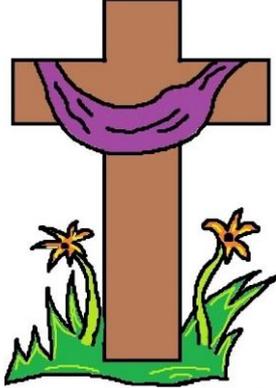
We are all looking forward to a fun filled term.

Mrs Grant  
4G

Miss Thomas  
4T

Mrs Coxon and Mrs Barr  
4C

<p><b>English</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volcanic poetry</li> <li>• Explanation text</li> <li>• Information leaflet</li> <li>• Story writing</li> </ul>		<p><b>Maths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting measure</li> <li>• Solving two step word problems</li> <li>• Addition, subtraction and multiplication</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Geography</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The structure of the earth tectonic plates</li> <li>• How and why volcanoes erupt</li> <li>• Atlas skills</li> </ul>		<p><b>Art</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volcanic paintings mixing colours</li> <li>• Volcanic collage</li> <li>• Watercolour</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to Move a Mountain</b></p>		<p><b>French</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alphabet</li> <li>• learning how sounds are different</li> <li>• French animal names</li> </ul>
<p><b>Swimming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday &amp; Wednesday</li> <li>• Improving technique and swimming independently</li> </ul>	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p><b>Keeping Safe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• crossing roads</li> <li>• medicines and household objects</li> <li>• Using the internet for research</li> </ul>	<p><b>Gym</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing movement control</li> <li>• Sequencing sets of movements</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>RE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devotion</li> <li>• Exploring how Hindu's show their devotion in their daily life festivals and celebrations</li> </ul>		<p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making recycled instruments</li> <li>• Writing own music</li> <li>• Performing music structured in a variety of ways.</li> </ul>

<p><b>English</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•-Persuasive writing Play adverts</li> <li>•-Play scripts</li> <li>•Performance reviews</li> </ul>		<p><b>Maths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Addition, subtraction, multiplication &amp; division</li> <li>•Fractions and decimals</li> <li>•Reasoning</li> </ul>	<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Families</li> <li>•-different types of families</li> <li>•-Getting along with siblings</li> </ul>
<p><b>Art Printing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Making and printing adverts for our show</li> </ul>	<p><b>Science Sound</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•How sound travels</li> <li>•Investigate and measure how distance affects sound</li> </ul>		<p><b>Dance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Exploring Easter Story through dance</li> <li>•Performing with others</li> </ul>
	<p><b>It's Showtime!</b></p>		<p><b>French</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Developing animal vocabulary by</li> <li>•Using more adjectives of size, shape and colour</li> </ul>
<p><b>Computing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Creating &amp; Publishing</li> <li>•making posters and adverts for the Easter production</li> </ul>		<p><b>Games Football</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Teamwork to play small group games</li> <li>•Travelling with the ball</li> <li>•Intercepting the ball</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>RE Ritual</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The importance of ritual in different religions</li> <li>•Paschal candle at Easter</li> </ul>		<p><b>Music Melodies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Focus on singing skills</li> <li>•Varying pitch</li> <li>•Harmonising</li> <li>•Singing in groups</li> </ul>

# Reminders

**Home Learning Logs-** should be in school and taken home every day. Please ensure you read with your child at least five times a week. Either you or your child should write a comment about what they have read, and please also sign them each week. These books are an excellent way of communicating with your child's teacher and are checked on a Friday.

**Swimming-** kit will be needed on a Monday and Wednesday and will need to be taken home each day to ensure it dries out. Long hair should be tied up and earrings removed on these days. It is also advisable that children bring a snack on swimming days.

**PE Kits-** Please bring games kits suitable for outside weather on a Friday this term to save space inside the classrooms. Please remember to ensure long hair is tied up and tape is provided to cover earrings.

**Book Bags-** Please ensure children's bags are either a St Mark's bag or of equal size, as space is at a premium in the classrooms.

**Homework-** Maths or English homework will be sent home on a Friday. It should be returned to school by the following Wednesday. If your child has difficulties completing their homework please **do** ask them to see their class teacher on a Monday, who will be happy to explain it further. Tables practice is also an important part of your child's home learning. It would be wonderful if you could help them find short regular opportunities to do this. They are all very excited about working towards and achieving their Ruby, Emerald and Diamond certificates.

**Water Bottles-** Please ensure these are brought to school each day.

For further dates and information please see our school website. Don't forget to check for our regular Year 4 updates which will give you more information about what we are doing in school.

Our New Learning Behaviours!



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