

# What's happening in Year 4?

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! This term is set to be an exciting period for year four, with many different activities planned, from natural disasters to learning all about how our body works and delving into the world of the terrible Tudors. We hope you enjoy reading our latest newsletter to keep you up to date of everything that is going on.

### Natural Disasters

This half term year 4 are learning about Natural Disasters. As well as learning about different types of disasters, such as earth-shattering earthquakes, terrible tornados, violent volcanos and terrifying tsunamis, we will also be learning about the damage they cause and how you can prepare yourself for one of these events.

Later on in the term we will also be creating our own volcanos. As such, the children will need a small sized plastic bottle and lots of newspaper. If you have any spare, please could you send it into school with your child?

### Science

This half term, in year 4, we will be learning all about the states of matter and what causes different materials to change states. The children will also be investigating how to identify materials in each state and what properties materials have.

### Maths

It is important for your child to develop their mental maths skills. In year 4, we are encouraging your child to practice their times tables every day as knowledge of these number facts can help your child to become much more efficient at numerical calculations. Ask your child what multiplication table they are currently learning and spend some time practicing with them and ask about our exciting times table league.

## The school day

School starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:00pm. Please make sure your child is at school on time to maximize their learning opportunities.

## Learning outside school.

There are lots of things you can do with your child at home.

Your child will have weekly spelling which they need to learn. Spending five minutes practicing each night will help your child learn these vital words.

It is important for your child to read every day. Reading helps them to develop key skills and is important for them to access all aspects of our curriculum. Please try to spend 5 minutes reading with your child each night as this time will have real benefits to your child's learning.

### Half Term

School closes for half term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens Monday 20<sup>rd</sup> February.

Our school target for attendance is 96%. It is vital that your child attends school every day to ensure that they access all aspects of the curriculum and make progress in their learning.