

Year 4 Newsletter

November 2018

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Horstead

45 and 4RB. 31st Oct—2nd Nov

4L and 4SH 5th Nov—7th Nov

Parents Evening

Monday 12th and Thursday 15th November 2018.

<u>School Photos</u>

Monday 12th November

Parent Volunteers

We are always keen to have parent volunteers in school! Whether this is as a one off or as a more regular slot, we really value your support.

Please do contact us if you are keen to help and support around school!

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a great half-term break and that you are feeling refreshed and ready to learn! To help keep you up to date with our curriculum this half term, you will find an up to date curriculum map on the school website. We will also be uploading our optional homework activities and newsletters. In addition to this, we will continue to upload information and pictures to Class Dojo.

Horstead Residential

If you have any remaining questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, or the Year Group Leader, Mr Lowe. We are all extremely excited about the visit and are keeping our fingers crossed for sunny, dry weather! That said, please ensure that children have plenty of warm and waterproof layers (hats and gloves are essential!) All of our activities are outside and it is no fun if you're not adequately prepared for the weather. If possible, please label all items of children's clothing.

Curriculum Updates

<u> ICC - Extreme Earth</u>

This half-term we will be looking at volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis in our topic of 'Extreme Earth'. We will examine the city of Pompeii and how this was effected by the famous eruption of AD79. Towards the end of the topic, children will be working in groups to create their own volcano

<u>English</u>

In English we will be studying a visual text and from this writing our own narrative. To link with our ICC topic we will use drama techniques to consider what happened in Pompeii. From this we will write our own recounts. In the lead up to Christmas we will analyse play scripts making links to our learning in Religious Education.

Castle Trip—Ancient Rome

I wanted to take this opportunity to say how fantastic the children were on our recent trip to the Castle. They walked to and from the Castle really sensibly and took part in all of the activities with great enthusiasm. They were polite throughout the trip and asked some excellent questions too. All in all they were a real credit to themselves and the school.

Forest Schools

4S will continue with Forest Schools after half term. They have another 3 sessions to go! After this, 4SH will start Forest Schools in the build up to Christmas. Please make sure that children come to school prepared for these sessions with warm coats, hats/gloves, waterproofs and wellies. The school do have some spare waterproofs and boots if necessary.