

# Year 4 Newsletter



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Dear Families,

We hope you have had a fun-filled Christmas break and are looking forward to the Spring term ahead. Year 4 had a great first term, exploring many new skills in subjects, which we plan to build on this term. This half term, we will be covering a range of subjects and topics, some are outlined below:



### Science:

In Science, we will focus on **ecology** and investigate what all living things have in common: movement, sensitivity, respiration, nutrition, excretion, respiration and growth. We will study food chains and look at what happens when a food chain is disrupted.

### Geography:

In Geography, we will build on our knowledge of Europe and explore **Eastern Europe** in more depth. We will explore the countries of Eastern Europe and key features such as rivers and climate. We will compare the UK with a chosen European country.



### History:

In History, we will focus on **Ancient Rome**. We will learn about the changing political context of Rome, beginning by being governed by an absolute monarchy, to later the Republic and finally the Empire. We will analyse how Rome was ruled compared with other ancient and modern civilisations, and how the role of democracy varied during the Roman Empire compared to Britain today.

The Year 4 Team

### Important Dates

**Tue 23 Jan 2024**—Parents Evening

**Wed 24 Jan 2024**—Parents Evening

**Thur 15 Feb 2024**—Rock Kidz

**Fri 16 Feb 2024**—Last day of half term

### Home Learning

Weekly homework is set every **Friday** and is due back into class on the following **Wednesday**.

Weekly homework is:

- Spellings (1 activity per week)
- Maths (1 activity every other week and TT rockstars)
- Reading (4x a week + reading comprehension will be provided every other week.)



All homework will be sent home in an A4 exercise book and details of log ins provided.

### Home Reading Challenge

This half term's reading challenge is **25+ reads**. Children will receive a book mark and the child with the highest number of reads from each class will receive a star reader badge.



### PE

This half term, PE will be taught on a **Monday**, the children will be taught PE outside (weather permitting) and so a warm jumper may be required. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit (white t-shirt, black sweatshirt/hoodie, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers).



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