



**Whitefriars
School**

Year
4 Curriculum
Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 4,

In English this term, pupils will be completing a range of activities relating to the story 'Escape from Pompeii'. We will be writing letters and diaries from the perspective of a character.

Our focus author is **Atinuke** and pupils will have opportunities to read books written by her, for example, ***Anna Hibiscus*** and ***The No.1 Carspotter***.

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on place value, before moving onto addition and subtraction. We will also continue to work on our Maths Passports which will help to underpin learning in number and calculation.

At the end of Year 4, the children will be taking part in a **National Times Tables** assessment. As well as practising at school, it would be really useful if you could help your child learn their multiplication tables at home. You can do this by practicing orally or using online resources. We will be tracking progress on a weekly basis ensuring that **all** the children are ready.

Our Topic for the first half term is 'How do Extreme Natural Events Occur?' This will involve learning about the structure of the earth, volcanoes, earthquakes and tectonic plates. In Autumn 2, after half term, our topic is 'What are the States of Matter?' This topic will be focusing on solids, liquids and gasses and conducting experiments.

This year, the children will be beginning to be learning **Spanish** starting with greetings and phonics. We will also be learning about the culture and location.

Home Learning will be given to the children on **Friday** and is expected back the **following Thursday**. Please do encourage / support your child to complete their home learning tasks as well as practice the spelling words that are sent home for our weekly spelling test on Fridays. Please support your child in practicing spellings by using the **look, say, cover, write, check** method to ensure that they have learnt them and are confident for the test.

We will be taking part in **PE** on Mondays and Thursday afternoons. It is essential that your child comes to school in the correct PE uniform on these days. This will allow your children to progress in their skills and teamwork.

Individual reading books should be brought in every week; it will really help support your child's progress if you to read and discuss the books.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Manning, Miss Taylor and Miss Parmar
Year 4 Class Teachers