

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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Year Four



Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the Year 4 Elm newsletter. You will find lots of information about the curriculum, how to help your child at home and any other notes. If you have any questions, please ask the class teacher. Our current learning journey is: **Which is worse, an Earthquake or a Volcanic Eruption?**

Curriculum outline

Reading: This half term, the children will be reading the text 'Escape from Pompeii'. We will be using extracts to build comprehension skills by analysing vocabulary and answering different style questions. We will also be using a selection of texts to build our reading fluency.

Writing: This half term, the children will be writing to entertain by writing a descriptive poem about a volcanic eruption. They will also be writing to inform by writing diary entries about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Maths: This half term's maths focus is multiplication and division. Children will use a range of strategies and representations to applying their times table knowledge. Children will move on to study length and perimeter.

Science: The children will be learning about electricity. We will be learning simple circuits and how to make and draw these. They will also learn about how to switch a circuit on and off.

Art: Children will create a painting based on the art of Nick Rowland.

Geography: Children will learn about the natural disasters including volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. They will study these and be able to explain them in simple terms. .

Helping your child at home

To support your child at home, you could:

- Listen to them read each night and record this in their planner.
- Practise their times table recall each night by asking them quick fire questions.
- Encourage children to log onto times tables games such as hit the button and TT Rockstars.
- **Use the soundcheck feature on TT Rockstars regularly**
- **PE days are Monday and Wednesday**

Notes

5th Jan – Return to School

21st Jan – stay and x tables at 2.30pm

28th Jan – Y3&Y4 Athletics – selected children

2nd – 6th Feb – Children's Mental Health Week

13th Feb – Inset Day

