

# Year 4 - Newsletter - Term 6

I am looking forward to starting the final term with you and seeing all the hard work you produce over the next 6 and half weeks. This half term, our topic will be about 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. We have very exciting lessons planned and I am looking forward to seeing the children engaged with all aspects of their learning. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time and ensure your child has had breakfast. Please remember to bring a healthy snack for playtime too.

## Literacy

This term we will be reading the book: 'A Midsummer Night's dream', and the children will be writing a fantasy narrative. Linking to our non-fiction writing, we will be writing a persuasive letter to Mrs Dawson, to convince her to not take reduce our current play and lunchtimes. The children will be looking at a range of conjunctions and rhetorical questions to draw Mrs Dawson into reading them!

## Mathematics

This term, we will be looking at money, time, statistics and position and direction.

**Homework** - Your child should aim to spend 10 minutes each day on TT Rock Stars, to improve their multiplication knowledge. If your child requires computer access in school time, or you would prefer paper copies, please let us know.



**Uniform** - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

**Reading** - When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary.

Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know?

## Year 4 Science:

In Science, we will be looking at 'Sound'. The children will be conducting a range of experiments linking to sound and use their previous learning to enable them to successfully apply their knowledge.

**Key Vocabulary:**

Sound, Hertz, Decibels, Frequency, noise pollution, amplitude, natural, artificial





## Other Curriculum Areas

**Geography** - This term our topic will be 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes' The children will explore how earthquakes start and what happens to the earth during an earthquake. The children will explore active and dormant volcanoes around the world and why people choose to live near them. They will be looking at how we measure earthquakes and the destruction they can cause all around the world. The children will also have the opportunity to make their own model volcano that erupts.

**PE** - This term, we will be focusing on rounders. Please ensure your child has a suitable outdoor P.E kit with the correct uniform.

**Swimming is on a Monday.**  
**PE is on a Tuesday.**  
Please ensure children have their kit every week, with suitable outdoor and indoor kits.

**Planners** should be handed in every day.  
Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

**Homework** will be given out on a Wednesday and should be brought back to school the following Wednesday.  
This will include weekly spellings, a comprehension on teams and a Grammar task on teams.

**Spelling tests** will be on a Monday.

# IMPORTANT DATES