

**Love Learning, Love Life
Always Aiming High**



Hello and welcome back from the Christmas Holiday.

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and are well rested and ready to work hard! We have lots to learn this term and we have been busy planning lots of exciting learning opportunities and lessons for you.

We welcome Miss Anders, our new Teacher and Miss Stilgoe, our student Teacher, who is in her final year of training.

Our main topic this term is Disasters. We will research the changes in Britain through the Romans. There will be a huge focus upon handwriting, presentation and spelling; everybody must be joining their writing and taking care with their layout and overall presentation. Reading is still also a key focus, so keep working hard on your comprehension skills. In Maths you need to keep practising your times tables recall and using different strategies and methods to solve calculations.

Remember to have your PE kits in school every Tuesday and Thursday.

Mrs Barnes, Miss Anders, Mrs Deakin and Miss Stilgoe



Year 4 Learning Letter

Spring 2017

DISASTERS

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on States of Matter and Volcanoes . We will investigate how volcanoes are formed and make a volcano. Through States of Matter we will explore solids, liquids and gases.

In **Art** we will learn about Roman mosaics and we will plan and design our own tile.

In **DT** we will plan and participate in our very own Roman Banquet.

In **English** we will be applying all our grammar skills learnt from last term into our writing of a narrative text. We will also be writing an explanation text looking at volcanoes. Through this unit we will explore a variety of information text, developing a bank of features.

This term we will be focusing on technical vocabulary, conjunctions for time, cause and effect, openers to structure writing and using a variety of interesting punctuation. Through our thematic approach to learning there will be lots of exciting speaking, listening and Talk4Writing opportunities from role play to debates. We will also be reading, rehearsing and performing our play, 'Treasure Island'.



In **Maths** we will be looking at:

Fractions - equivalent, hundredths, calculating quantities and problem solving.

Time - converting units of measure, analogue & digital time and problem solving.

Decimals - tenths, hundredths, equivalents, rounding and comparing.

Measures - estimating, comparing & calculating different measures including money.

In **R.E** we will be learning about the Islamic religion and focusing on family life. We will delve into the life of Muslim families looking at the Muslim Community, the Mosque and Celebrations. We will also look at the role of the Mother and Father and different customs as well as Allah.

In **Music** we will be learning songs by Benjamin Britten. We will learn to listen and appraise music and work up to a class performance. We will also be learning songs for our play 'Treasure Island'.



In **P.E** we will be focusing on Games. We will focus on 'Net Games' where we will play different net games, develop skills and use a range of tactics and strategies. In 'Invasion Games' we will develop techniques for passing a ball, create a better understanding of 'attack' and 'defence' and play different invasion games.

Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through a creative topic approach, where we will look at the impact on Britain through the invasion of the Romans. Alongside this we will explore and investigate disasters involving volcanoes and earthquakes. We will continue to develop our enquiry skills, chronology and build upon our knowledge of maps and atlases.



In **French** we will develop our skills in conversational French and learn about the French culture including French celebrations.

In **Computing** we will be looking at Digital Media. We will be looking at the history of the website and the language used on different web pages. We will also be creating our own iMovie's, editing them and sharing them with each other.

