



Year 4 Newsletter: Autumn 1



Welcome to Year 4! We hope you have had a lovely, long summer break. We have a busy first term in Year 4 and can't wait to get stuck into lots of exciting learning. As you know, some things will be a little different, so please read on to find out more...

Marvellous Me



Remember to check Marvellous Me to find out what we have been learning about each week.

Literacy – We will study natural disasters and their impact on people's lives. We will write first person descriptions, from the perspective of a witness to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Additionally, we will write non-chronological reports about extreme weather. Finally, we will write our own poems inspired by the events in Pompeii.

Mathematics - We will begin the year with number & place value. After this, we will move on to look at addition and subtraction. It is important that you know your times tables as we will be working on these every week.

History – We will be starting the year by learning all about 'The Romans.' We will learn about the rise the Roman Empire, why they invaded Britain, reasons why they were successful invaders, how Roman developments impacted life in Britain, Boudicca and the Celt uprising and finish the topic with a Roman battle re-enactment.

Geography – We will find out about well-known volcanoes, where in the world they are found, how & why volcanoes erupt and the impact that eruptions have on lives. We will then learn about the causes and effects of earthquakes, including tsunamis and look at some real-life examples of these natural disasters across the world.

Art – We will be looking at the famous artist 'Hokusai' and recreating 'The Great Wave' whilst focusing on the development of our sketching and painting skills.

Science - In science we will be identifying and classifying animals and learning about food chains.

Computing - We will be focussing on answering the question: 'How do I use a computer as an artist or photographer?' Using a range of different skills and programs to further our understanding.

Music – Within our music lessons, we will be using extreme weather as inspiration for our own compositions. We will listen to a piece of classical music inspired by a storm at sea and use this as inspiration to compose and perform our own 'storm songs' with a range of musical instruments and body percussion.

RSHE— This half term, we will be focusing on friendship and mental well-being whilst considering the questions, 'Are all friends the same? Are all friendships fun? Are we happy all the time?'

RE - We will be looking at the Holy Trinity and why this is important to Christians.

Adults are invited into the classroom to attend our **homework showcase** on **Monday 19th October** from **2:45 - 3:15pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Homework: We would like children to read at least 3 times a week, at home. Please record the name of the book and the pages read in the reading diary. Please can this be signed by an adult and brought into school every **Friday**. For the homework project, at least one piece of work needs to be completed and brought into school for the homework showcase. If needed, it can be emailed to: enquiries@mundella.sheffield.sch.uk

PE Days: This half term we will be doing...
Indoor athletics & outdoor hockey!



Seahorses: Indoor PE on Tuesday, outdoor PE on Wednesday
Tigers: Outdoor PE on Wednesday and Indoor PE on Friday
Children should wear a white, collarless t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms & a black jumper, as well as trainers on their PE days. Children should bring a water bottle every day.