



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2024/25



We hope that you all had a lovely half term break!
This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead.
If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

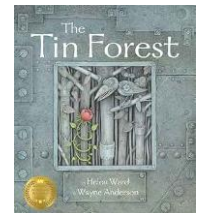
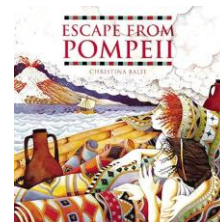
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History / Geography - Our topic this half term is Mountains and Volcanoes.

We are very excited to be studying all about mountains and volcanoes! We will be finding out about a selection of famous volcanoes, describe how mountains and volcanoes are formed, and the impact of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions on the people around them. We will enquire into the reasons people choose to live near volcanoes and what benefits there are to living near a volcano.



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English - This half term, we will be starting with the wonderful book 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward & Wayne Anderson. We will be creating persuasive arguments to convince people to reduce, reuse and recycle. After that, linked to our geography topic 'volcanoes', we will be looking at 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit - a book about the Mount Vesuvius eruption over 1900 years ago!



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Reading - One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development, is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for 20 minutes. Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.

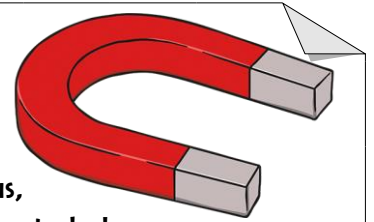


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Maths - This term we will be continuing our work on place value, written addition and subtraction methods, before moving onto practical examples of multiplication and division and learning to use more formal written methods. We will focus on ensuring the children are confident using new techniques to multiply and divide, as well as giving them the opportunity to problem solve and use their new learning in different situations!



You can support your child at home by completing the homework they receive each Friday and practising times tables. Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars!

<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student>



Science - Our science topic this term is forces and magnets, where we will become physicists and study various forces, measurements of forces and magnetic reactions. We will explore the ways we know forces are acting upon us, even if we cannot see the forces themselves. We will use our understanding of force to help us when researching earthquakes and volcanoes and the forces we can see in action!

R.E – This half term we will be learning about the significance of light in all religions. We will focus on the celebrations of Diwali, Christingle and Hanukkah.

P.E – This term we are focussing on dribbling and passing with feet for outdoor PE. In our second session, year 3 and 34 BW will have an indoor session for gymnastics and year 4 will have cricket that will be delivered by specialist coaches.

All children **must** wear their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy (black or grey if necessary) bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a white school t-shirt or gem house t-shirt and trainers. This should be worn with a school jumper or cardigan.

3NI	Monday	Thursday
3LS	Monday	Thursday
34BW	Tuesday	Friday
4BG	Wednesday	Thursday
4GS	Monday	Wednesday

PSHE - This half term, we will be focussing on physical health and safety.

Music - This half term, we will be focusing on composition and performance.



Computing - This half term, we are using an iPad app to create stop motion animations.

On behalf of the year 3/4 team, we look forward to working with you this half term. Thank you in advance for your support and please do contact your class teacher if you have any questions.

Over the term we will be sharing examples of the work your children will be doing in class on our year group webpage: <https://www.thegemfederation.co.uk/bessemer-primary/learning-hub/classes/>