

# Welcome back to Year 4!

*We hope that your Christmas break was full of fun with all your family and friends!*

*Me (Miss Hargreaves) and Mrs Kilburn, look forward to picking up our hard work where we left off and continuing our learning journey when you return.*

*This term our topic is Extreme Earth. This topic will allow us to explore how the destructive power of nature can change the Earth.*



*This term we will be exposing ourselves to the beauty and danger of the natural world! We will be learning all about natural disasters such as earthquakes and volcanoes. While understanding the sequence of natural events that cause these catastrophic explosions, we will also be travelling back in time to some of the most famous volcano eruptions in our history. We may even be able to re-create our own small version of one of these life changing events!*

*Class Novel:* *How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell.*



## Topic

## English

*In English, our class novel will provide us with inspiration for our own setting descriptions! We will use our wild imaginations to describe where in the world our characters have explored and even create our own perilous, vibrant setting for their next adventure. This will enable us to build upon the skills we have learnt so far to enhance our writing even further.*

*After this, we will be creating a report all about dragons based on our novel. This will allow us to share all the mind-blowing facts that the book describes to us!*

## Maths

*To start with, we will recap our knowledge of fractions before we can start to deepen our understanding further by exploring improper and proper fractions. We will use lots of physical resources available to help us visualise what fractions look like and of course lots of interactive Maths opportunities to get us active!*

*Next, we will look at recapping money and time. We will be solving problems all about money and the change we might get when buying lots of sweets!*

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## Science

In Science, we will be exploring all about living things and their habitats as well as animals including humans. We will be looking at who eats who in the animal world and we will also conduct a disgusting investigation all about our digestive system (specifically how food moves from one end of the body to the other)!



## Art/DT

This term we will start with Art, we will be learning about how to tell a story through art using illustrations! Then we will move on to DT, where we will be looking at creating moving pictures using levers and linkages.

## Music

In Music, you will gain your own musical instruments as we begin brass lessons. Whether you are an expert already or have never played before, we will be learning lots of fun tunes you can show off at home!

## Computing

This term we will focus on developing our understanding about how we can use technology – specifically iMovie. This will mean we need to become film stars so we can edit and improve our videos.



## PE

PE will take place every Tuesday so please ensure your child arrives at school wearing the correct PE kit (joggers when it is cold). This term children will be working on their dance moves and invasion games such as dodgeball.



## RE

In RE we will continue learning about Christianity and linking this to other faiths, through our first topic of 'Jesus the Son of God'. Then, as Easter approaches, we will begin exploring the story of betrayal and trust. Both topics will provide children opportunities to engage in deeper thinking and reflection.



## French

In French, the children will continue to develop their language skills through creating short descriptions of people.

# How to help at home:

**Times tables:** In Year 4, the times tables are extremely important as children will have to take the national times tables check later on in the year. We will spend time daily, learning all the times tables up to 12x12, which the children will be tested on weekly. You can support your child further by practising with them at home and encouraging them to access the websites below.

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

**Reading:** Please support your child by reading together at least 3 times a week and signing their diary after each read. The children will now have responsibility to change their book as and when is necessary. If your child reads 5 or more times in a week, they will get a chance to dip in the prize box. Additionally, children will also be able to choose a 'reading for pleasure' book from the library to bring home and develop their love of reading.

**Homework:** Homework will be set on a Friday and is expected to be handed in by the following Friday. Homework will mainly consist of times tables practice, spellings and an English or Maths activity that reinforces an aspect of learning from the week.

**Getting in Touch:** Any messages, worries or concerns can be sent to the Year 4 email ([yearfour@croston-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:yearfour@croston-pri.lancs.sch.uk)), which I will check each morning in school. Please contact the office directly with any medical appointments, dance exams etc.