

## Computing

*In Year 4 our computing work will be linked to our IPC topic. We will be incorporating a range of different apps such as Popplet and Explain Everything to create a class eBook.*

*We will also be using the camera app to experiment with camera shots moving on to using film editing software .*

*Pupils will also use the iPads to research and record information.*

## Reading

*In SFA this half term children will be focusing on using inference in their reading. The children will also be questioning why authors have used certain words and phrases in their work and the impact that this has on a reader.*

*Children will be taking home their reading journals and books everyday. Please hear your child read. Children need two comments in their reading journals each week and a parent / carer signature please.*

## Religious Education & PSHE

*In the RE unit of work children will be learning about how different Christians show their beliefs. The children will be using stories, drama and poetry to explore this.*

*Through the PSHE topic Dreams and Goals children will be looking at their own aspirations and how to stay motivated and positive when things get challenging.*

## Spellings and Homework

*Homework Passports will be given out at the beginning of this term and will consist of creative activities that children will need to complete and return on to school on Monday 20th February .*

*Children should complete at least 2 activities from each section in the passport. In addition to this pupils will be given weekly maths homework based on their weekly topic in class.*

*All spellings for this half term will be sent home and the children will be tested weekly, every Thursday.*

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# Year 4

## Active Planet



## IPC Topic

Our IPC topic this term will be 'Active Planet'. In Geography we will be finding out about how the earth is formed, what a volcano is and where they are in the world. We will also be looking at what causes an earthquake and how earthquakes are measured.

In History we will be finding out about the devastation of Pompeii and about the main events, dates and characteristics of past communities.

In Society we will be finding out about legends associated with volcanoes and why people continue to live in volcanic areas despite the dangers.

## PE

*In Year 4 the children will have PE taught by specialist coaches every Thursday afternoon.*

*The focus for this half term will be on outdoor and adventurous activities, developing ball skills, team work, hand-eye coordination as well as strategic methods to win games.*

*Children must come to school in their correct PE kit every Thursday.*

*Every Friday afternoon the children will have a second PE lesson. Children should come to school in school uniform and bring their PE kit with them on this day.*

## Mathematics

*During the spring term the children will be learning about fractions, the emphasis will be on finding equivalent fractions and understanding the value of tenths and hundredths. We will use dienes, counting sticks, number lines and place value charts to support our learning. This provides the opportunity for pupils to practise and apply their skills in converting between different units of measure as well as revising division and multiplication.*

*During all maths units, the children will be given the opportunity to complete word problems, allowing them apply their skills to real life situations.*

## Writing

*During this spring term we will be covering a range of writing genres. The first will be on writing a newspaper recount, followed by exploring discursive texts. Children will focus on presenting arguments and information from different viewpoints.*

*We will then be learning about the features of an explanation text and using what we know to write about ideas from our topic, Active Planet.*

### REMEMBER OUR IPC PERSONAL LEARNING GOALS

Adaptability

Cooperation

Resilience

Enquiry

Morality

Communication

Respect

Thoughtfulness



*How can you help me at home?*

*Help me practise my times tables at speed. By the end of the term children should be confident with all their times tables up to 12.*

*Help me practise my spellings. Spelling tests will happen every Thursday. All spellings for this half term will be given to the children to take home.*