

This week the children have:

- Written their newspaper reports about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, using facts within paragraphs, and direct and reported speech.
- Calculated and compared the area of rectilinear shapes.
- Found out what it is like to be a Hindu today, focussing on festivals and celebrations such as weddings and Holi.
- Designed their own road safety posters in PSHE.

After half term, our topic is called 'Water, Water Everywhere'. During the topic the children will:

- Use maps and atlases and learn about the physical features of rivers.
- Observe changes of state in Science and learn about solids, liquids and gases.
- Investigate the water cycle.

In Maths, the children will be learning about fractions, investigating equivalent fractions and comparing these as well as adding and subtracting two or more fractions. Later in the term, we move onto working with decimals. In English, we will be exploring the picture book 'Free Fall' as well as poetry and then narrative writing making use of dialogue and paragraphs.

#### **PE Days:**

**Next term, outdoor PE will be on a Monday afternoon and indoor will be on a Friday afternoon.** Please can you make sure that PE kits are sent in to school on the first day back. As the weather can still be on the cold side, we ask that children have a tracksuit top and bottoms for outdoor PE as well as their normal shorts and a t-shirt.

#### **Library Visit:**

Our next visit will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to Mrs Graveson, who renewed the children's books this week.

#### **Class Assembly:**

Class 4 will be presenting their class sharing assembly on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2:30pm. We look forward to sharing our learning from our Romans topic with everyone and hope to see you there!

#### **Homework:**

Please could you encourage your child to practise the words I have sent home for our song 'Just Like a Roman', which we will be performing in our Class assembly. The children also have their final week of spelling words, which are homophones, and times tables to practise ready for their test the week after half term.

#### **Book Week Activities:**

To welcome them back after half term, the children will be enjoying a performance of Charlotte's Web on the morning of 25<sup>th</sup> February.

A reminder that if your child would like a signed copy of any of the books written by our visiting author, Jack Trelawny, the order form and money will need to be returned to school by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Please could you have a look at home for any children's books that can be sent in for our whole school book swap which takes place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. These can be sent into class from the first day back after half term.

Have a wonderful half term and we will see you in Term 4!

The Year 4 Team