



Year Four:Autumn 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer and are ready for an exciting term at The Belham. This letter will provide you with information about the coming term.

During this term we will be exploring the overarching theme of 'Invasion and Migration' in history, focussing on the Roman Empire and its collapse. In geography, we will be looking at 'Volcanoes and Mountains' which will link wonderfully with our Literacy text *Escape from Pompeii* and our food technology unit, where we will be designing, making and evaluating pizzas.

In Maths, we will learn about number and place value before moving on to addition and subtraction within 10,000. In the second half of the term, we will progress on to multiplication and division. Additionally, children will be required to learn their times tables up to 12.

In our Art lessons this term, we will study the work of Faith Ringgold and Frank Bowling, which links to our Literacy texts.

Supporting your child's learning

Provide opportunities for practical mathematics: making, cooking, designing. Allow them to handle money including checking change. Practise times tables and number facts, discuss patterns or tricks.

We will continue to be promoting a love of reading and still expect children to be reading at home for approximately **20 minutes per night**. This should be recorded in their reading record, either by you or your child.

Physical Development & Outside Learning

It is vital that children have their school PE kit (including trainers) in school (in a draw-string bag) with them each week - we suggest that they bring it in on Monday and take it home on Friday as often PE lessons may be moved to accommodate other activities.

Year 4 will be having swimming lessons in the Autumn term. Children **MUST** have sensible swimming costumes (no board-shorts) and a towel, hats and goggles are strongly recommended.

Our PE lessons will be on a **Wednesday** (Netball) and **Friday** (Swimming).

Trips and Visits

TBC



Key Dates:

CRAZE week: 20-24th September

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school
- Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school all week

Kind regards,

The Year 4 Team

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