

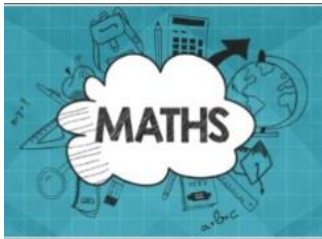
# YEAR 4 END OF AUTUMN 1 UPDATE

In English we have been writing stories based on the picture book *The Journey* by Aaron Becker. The children brought the story to life with their super range of grammatical features such as similes, metaphors, precise verbs and onomatopoeia. They were then able to adapt parts of the story by creating their own characters and plots. As our class novel we've been reading *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman. The children have enjoyed following Lila's perilous, and sometimes crazy journey to become a firework maker.

In Maths we have reinforced our understanding of place value, and can now partition numbers up to 10,000! It's a really important part of the learning in Year 4 and provides a great base of understanding for the rest of the year. We then moved onto addition and subtraction, using our place value knowledge to add 4 digit numbers together using a range of mental and written methods. And if all that wasn't enough, we've also found time for lots of times table games and activities. This is something that will continue through the year as it is expected that all children know their times tables by the end of Year 4.

In Science it has been proven that we have a lot of bright sparks in our class. Our Electricity topic has allowed us to investigate the materials that are good conductors and good insulators of electricity. We have built simple circuits, discussed appliances that use mains electric and made sure we know how to stay safe around electricity.

In geography the class have been learning all about volcanoes and the earth's structure. We now know about tectonic plates, the places in the world where there are more likely to be volcanoes and earthquakes and the benefits some people have of living near volcanoes. We plan on looking at the city of Pompeii which will link nicely into our new topic of the Romans.



All children have access to their TimesTable Rockstars accounts. If they are unable to login please contact Mr Rothel and he will send details over.

**TIMES TABLES  
ROCKSTARS**

Important  
Information

## Important Information:

- 31<sup>st</sup> October – First day back and Pumpkin Trail
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Choir Service
- 12 December – Year 3/4 Christmas Party
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school at theatre – Pantomime
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas



## Highlights

Settling into Year 4

Volcanoes!

Cross Country Festival

Building simple electrical circuits

