

# Autumn 2 - Year 4

## Hello!

Well the first half term has flown by and before we know it we will be into our Christmas celebrations! I have enjoyed getting to know the class and watch them gain new skills. If you have any queries or concerns, do see me after school or contact me via Seesaw.

Mrs Smith

## Maths

We will be focusing a lot on multiplication and division this half term, knowing our tables facts ready for the national Y4 Multiplication Check next summer. Throughout all our maths work we will be developing our problem-solving skills too.

We have also started a project called Mastering Number where we have a daily 15-20minute maths session where we are focusing on really getting our basic number skills secure. It's fast paced and the children are enjoying it.

**How can I help?** Top marks education has lots of fun maths games! [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)  
The **White Rose '1-minute Maths' App** which is free from the App Store or Google Play – look out for the weekly challenge posted on Seesaw.  
Make sure they keep practising on **Times Tables Rock Stars** – last year's login still works for them.

## English

We have nearly finished the book 'The Thieves of Ostia' and have been enjoying the adventures of the children. It is the first in a series of books so if you're looking for Christmas present ideas for your child, you may like to buy them another book in the series by Caroline Lawrence. Using the knowledge we have gained in history, we will be sharpening our non-fiction writing skills by writing recounts and non-chronological reports connected to Roman life. On Fridays, when Mr Marshall has the class, they will be focusing on their grammar and punctuation skills.

## How can I help?

Encourage them to learn their spellings for the test each Friday.  
Encourage your child to read anything at home! Magazines, newspapers, comics, books...

## Curriculum

This half term in Science the children will be learning all about 'Electricity' and finding out about circuits and electrical conductivity through lots of practical work.  
In Geography, we shall be finding out about Migration.  
In Computing with Mr Marshall, the children will be looking at Data and information.  
PE will be gymnastics – it really is important that the children bring PE kit, we have a limited amount of spare kit and it is very difficult to do gymnastics in school uniform.

## Useful Information

### PE DAY – TUESDAY

Remembering kit is really important – light blue PE shirt, dark blue shorts, (leggings are allowed for girls on religious grounds) trainers or sandshoes. A water bottle is really important too. This half-term we will be having an external coach who will be teaching gymnastic skills. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE – MAKE SURE ALL PE KIT AND UNIFORM IS NAMED!**

**E-safety reminder:** Most social media sites (Snapchat, Instagram, Tik-tok etc.) have a lower age limit of 13. If you have permitted your child to use these sites, do you know who they are talking to? Or what they are posting? If your child enjoys gaming, again do you know who is in any group chat with them? It is recommended that if your child is on-line, that they do it in somewhere like the sitting room, rather than in their bedroom – it helps you know they are safe on line.

Remember to look at the Seesaw app to your phone or other smart device to see what homework your child has been set as well as messages and newsletters.

