



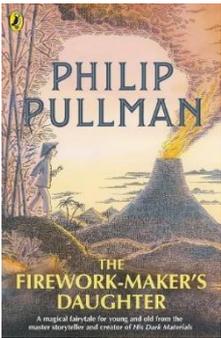
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January 2025

Welcome back to Year 4!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. May we take this opportunity to say thank you for the gifts and well wishes received before the holiday. They are really appreciated.



Our learning this half term is based around the global theme ***Saving Our Environment***.

We will be learning all about volcanoes and earthquakes in our topic: *'How much do volcanoes impact our lives?'*

We will be reading our core text, **'The Firework Maker's Daughter'**, to lead our learning and to inspire our reading lessons.

We will also be using the text, **'Stranded, A Mostly True Story from Iceland'**, to lead our writing lessons where we will be writing a short story. We will also be writing a set of instructions this half term.

- In our **maths** lessons, our focus will be multiplication and division. **Please continue to support your child at home by learning the multiplication and division facts for all tables up to 12 x 12.**
- In our **geography** lessons, we will be learning about the physical geography of earth with a focus on volcanoes and their impact on human lives.
- In **science**, our unit will be **living things and their habitats**. We will be learning that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. We will be using classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in our local and wider environment.
- In **computing**, we will continue to learn about audio production before moving onto programming.
- During **RE**, we will explore the question 'Why do some people think that life is a journey and what significant experiences mark this?'
- In **DT**, we will be applying our cooking and nutrition skills to make pizzas.
- In **PSHE**, we will be learning about living in the wider world.
- In **music**, we will be learning about pulse and groove through improvisation.
- In **Physical Education**, we will learn to play **dodgeball** and take part in **gymnastics**. We will be **swimming** on Tuesdays.

PE

On **Tuesdays we will be swimming**. Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming, hair is tied back and earrings are removed. Thank you. **Lessons begin on Tuesday 14th January 2024.**

On **Thursdays**, please ensure that your child wears their PE uniform to school and keeps it on all day. Children can wear shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings with a school-coloured t-shirt and hoodie or school jumper if cold. Please remove earrings and tie back long hair. Thank you.

Homework

We will continue to set **weekly spellings** which you will find stuck into your children's reading record every Thursday. Please continue to help and support your child by **reading 3 times per week at home per week**. It is also very important that you continue to support your child with **times table fluency** in preparation for the National Multiplication Tables Check in June 2025. Thank you for supporting your children at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us through the school office email.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks and Mrs Windmill.

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