

Welcome back—We hope you had a great Easter break. We are so excited for Summer 1! Our new topic is called '**Extreme Earth**'. This topic is all about the natural disasters people around the world live through. We will be exploring volcanoes, tornadoes, earthquakes and tsunamis!

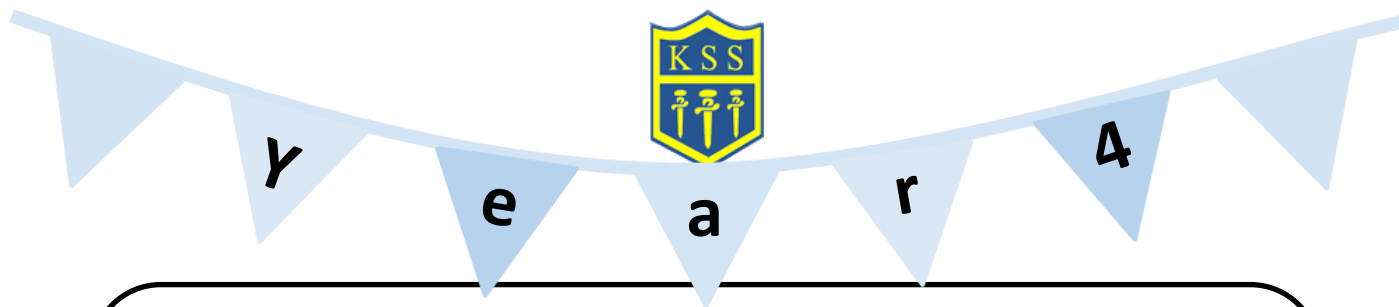
We have a very exciting half term planned. Remember to stay up to date with our class on Dojo. If you ever need any help, have any questions or would like to give me additional information about your child, please don't hesitate to speak to us after school or ring the office to make an appointment.

In Love to Read this half term we will our learning will centre around historical fiction as we read our class text—**Escape from Pompeii** by **Christina Balit**. Then, we will be focusing on **Weather haiku poetry**. In Writing we will be finishing our **non-chronological report** on an arctic animal. We will then be looking at **poetry** on volcanoes leading up to writing our own.

In Maths this half term, we will be continuing our work on fractions before moving on to **decimals**.

Times tables are extremely important in **Year 4**, with a 'Times Tables Check' taking place this Summer Term. Please use Times Tables Rockstars as much as possible at home to learn all times tables.

In Science, we will be exploring **Electricity** as it is important the children have a good understanding of circuits and switches for our DT project this half term. We will be learning about **battery and mains powered objects, switches, circuits, insulators and conductors**.



PE is on **Thursdays** this half term. Please wear your school PE kit on this day — plain red t-shirt, navy shorts or trousers and black pumps.

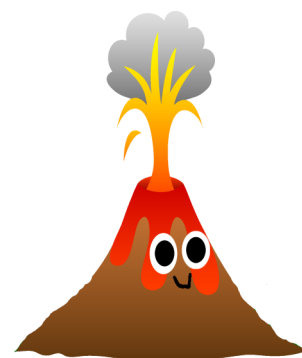
Swimming — We will be going swimming on **Wednesdays**. Please bring a bag to school that contains a swimming costume/trunks, a towel and goggles if needed.

In DT we will be designing, making and evaluating a lamp.

In **Music**, we will be looking at 'Blackbird' pop music in the style of The Beatles.

In **Computing**, we will be learning about e-safety and how reliable information is on the internet. Children will also be reminded about age appropriate games as these have a lot of damaging effects to pupils when exposed under the age advised.

Year 4 **homework** will be sent out every week on **Wednesday** and should be returned by the following **Wednesday morning**. If anyone needs any extra guidance, feel free to contact us. Spare copies of homework are available in class.



Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight
accidentally	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
actual	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actually	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
address	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
although	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	thought
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	through
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	various
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	weight
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	woman
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	women
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	