Year 4 Class Newsletter - Autumn 2

Adults working with the class: Miss Al-Sahar and Miss Karakas

It has been a pleasure to welcome back the children this half term, they have had a great start, and we look forward to seeing the fabulous learning that will take place this half term.

Writing	**Key Text:** Oliver Twist, retold by Gill Tavner. **Writing Genres:** Free verse poem, Newspaper Report, and a Retell **Grammar:** Subordinating conjunctions, Figurative Language and Punctuating Direct Speech.
Reading	**Key Text:** Matilda by Roald Dahl. **Skills:** Clarifying the meaning of unknown vocabulary and phrases.
Maths	**Topics Covered:** Column addition and subtraction with 4-digit numbers, Perimeter of shapes, and the 3, 6 and 9 times tables, including divisibility rules.
Geography	**Topic:** Volcanoes and Italy **Key Question:** Why are there no volcanoes in the UK?
Science	**Scientific Discipline:** Physics **Topic:** Electricity **Key Question:** What does a lightbulb need to light up?
RE	**Key Religion:** Christianity **Key Question:** What do Christians mean by peace at Christmas?
D&T	**Topic:** Textiles **Our design brief:** To design, make and evaluate an electrical game.
Oracy	**Presentation Statement:** How do volcanoes form? **Debate Day Date:** Friday 4th December.
Computing	**Topic:** Programming - Hour of code.
PSHE	**Topic:** Celebrating our Differences
PE	**PE Day:** Tuesdays. **Focus:** Gymnastic.
Spanish	**Focus:** ¿Qué te Gusta Hacer? (What do you like to do? Hobbies and Leisure)
Home Learning	Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom **each Monday**, including the spelling words they will be assessed on the following week. Children are expected to engage with TTRS and read each day.
Dates for your Diary:	**Friday 13th November** - Forest school. (Please ask children to come to school in old clothes that they don't mind getting muddy!) **Thursday 19th November** - Parents evening. **Friday 4th December** - Debate Day. **Friday 11th December** - Christmas Fayre. **Wednesday 16th December** - Christmas church performance. **Wednesday 16th December** - Key stage 2 disco
Ways to Support Your Child at Home	To help support your child's learning, you could: • Identify electrical appliances around the home and discuss how they work. • Read your child's AR book together and ask questions to develop their understanding of the text and unfamiliar vocabulary. • The Natural History Museum to explore volcanoes, rocks and earthquakes.