

Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome to the first year 4 newsletter of the year.

Throughout the course of the year, you will be receiving half termly newsletters from the year 4 team, keeping you updated on all the exciting things we are currently learning about as well as informing you about any important events or dates for the next half term.

We have been particularly impressed in how quickly the children settled into their new classes and the enthusiasm they have shown for their learning. In school, we encourage the children to be articulate, collaborative and brave with their learning and we have been really pleased in how well the children have risen to the challenges in class which allow them to demonstrate these qualities.

We are looking forward to a really successful year, full of exciting opportunities and, with your support at home, enabling your child to achieve their potential.

We hope that you all enjoy the half term break.

Mrs Cumberbeach and the year 4 team

Homework

All the children are now completing their weekly homework. Please remember that our expectations are

- CGP Maths book
- Times table practise – These will be tested weekly
- Times Table Rockstars - 10 minutes practise per week
- Spelling practise – Weekly spelling list in their HSO (Home School Organiser)
- SPAG.COM
- Reading 5/7 days to be recorded in their HSO

We also ask that you sign your child's HSO each week.

If you have any queries about homework, please email your class teacher.

If you have any difficulty with completing any of the above tasks, please contact your child's class teacher.

Autumn assessments

In November, our whole school will be taking part in assessments for reading, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and maths using NTS formal assessments. Teachers will also be assessing writing using the independent writing activities which the children have already completed over the previous half term. As a school we use this information, along with in class teacher judgements, to map out our future planning, intervention groups and highlight any gaps in knowledge which may need to be taught again.

Teachers and senior leadership (which includes Mr Stevenson, our Inclusion Assistant Head Teacher) meet to discuss all children within our termly 'Pupil Progress Meetings'.

We will let you know how your child has performed through our parents' evening session, and also through our 'Snapshot reports' which will be sent directly to you on Friday 22th November.

Communication.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please e-mail:

Acer – Mrs Barnett (Monday – Wednesday) a.barnett@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Jones (Thursday – Friday) h.jones@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Palm – Mrs Cumberbeach r.cumberbeach@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Pine- Miss Cusdin- k.cusdin@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Please can all children wear their P.E. kits on P.E. and swimming days.

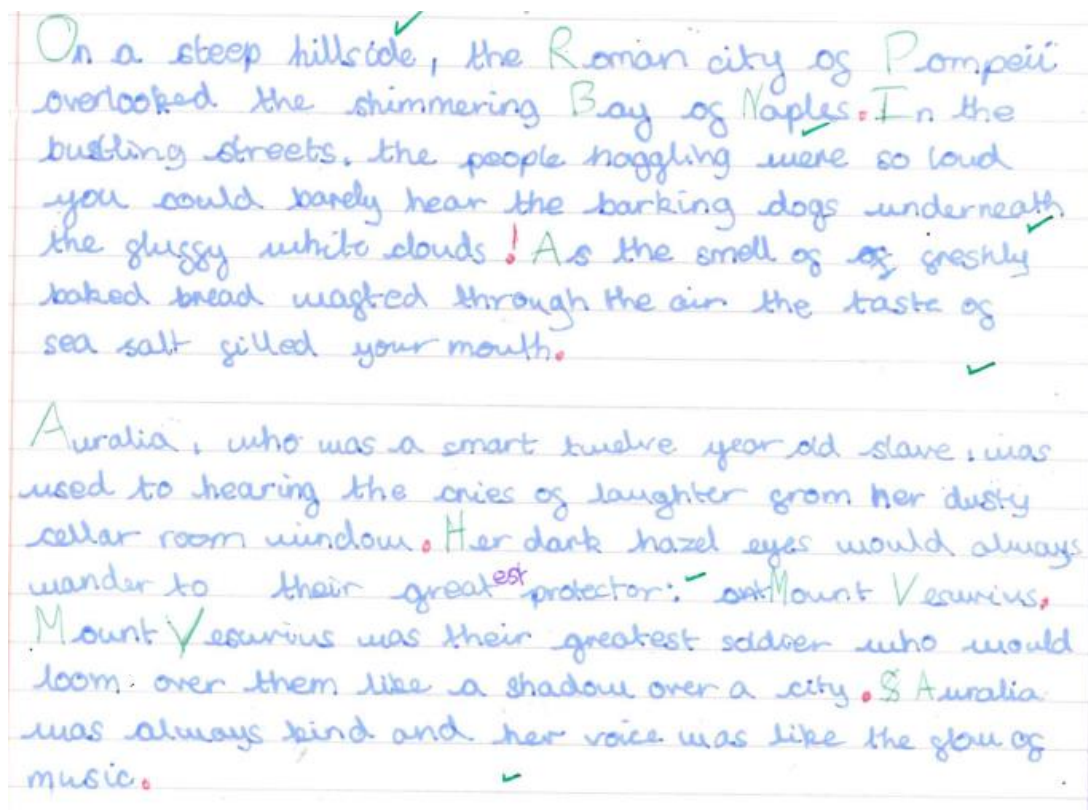
Acer- Tuesday (PE) & Thursday (Swimming)

Palm- Tuesday (swimming) & Wednesday (PE)

Pine- Wednesday (PE) & Thursday (PE)

WOW Work!

Every year group newsletter will include a piece of writing published from a child in our year group. It is a great way to showcase what we have been doing in school but also allow the children to see that their writing can have an audience. This extract is by Abigail in Pine class. She has written a fantastic historical narrative filled with lovely detail and description. Well done Abigail!



On a steep hillside, the Roman city of Pompeii overlooked the shimmering Bay of Naples. In the bustling streets, the people haggling were so loud you could barely hear the barking dogs underneath the gluggy white clouds! As the smell of freshly baked bread wafted through the air the taste of sea salt filled your mouth.

Auralia, who was a smart twelve year old slave, was used to hearing the cries of laughter from her dusty cellar room window. Her dark hazel eyes would always wander to their great^{est} protector: ~~at~~ Mount Vesuvius. Mount Vesuvius was their greatest saviour who would loom over them like a shadow over a city. Auralia was always kind and her voice was like the glow of music.

Year 4 Topics

This half term the children have been busy working on a range of topics. The children have been particularly engaged in our English lessons where we have been exploring Italy. We started by writing a travel guide, encouraging people to visit Sicily. We stayed in Italy for our fiction writing, an exciting story based on the eruption of Vesuvius that wiped out Pompeii. The children's detail and eagerness to the writing tasks was fantastic to see and they produced some great pieces of writing.

In Maths we have been we have been learning about place value, addition, subtraction and area. The children have enjoyed revisiting their learning through Flashback 4 activities and the new style of workbook which gives them a range of learning styles to complete questions.

Our big question in R.E this half term has been 'How do non-religious people celebrate new life?' We welcomed a Humanist speaker into school who gave us a very informative talk about the beliefs and principles of Humanists and answered many of our questions.

We've had very practical Science lessons where we've been learning about electricity. The children enjoyed making circuits and switches, working together in groups to explore their scientific understanding. Next half term, the children will be applying this knowledge to torch making in DT.

Next half term, we will be studying the Romans in History and are looking forward to a workshop which will help bring our learning to life. In maths we will be focusing on multiplication and division, placing emphasis on accurate times table recall. We are introducing daily times table practise to support this. In English, we will be writing persuasively about alternatives to plastic straws and then writing a diary of a Roman slave.

Details about all our learning can be found on the year 4 section of the website.

We hope you have a lovely half term and we can't wait to welcome the children back!

Diary Dates

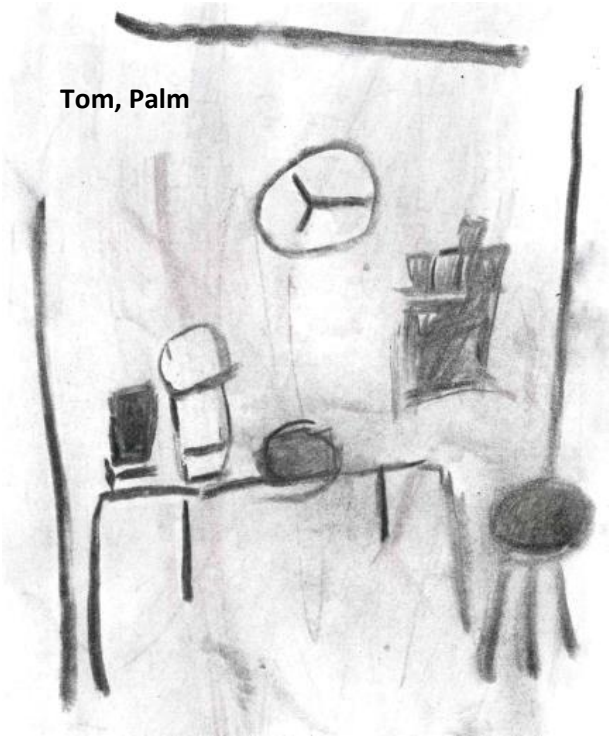
October	Half term: Week commencing 28 th
November	Inset Days: Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th Children return to school: Wednesday 6 th PTA Bags2School collection: Friday 8 th November at drop off Past Productions Roman Workshop: Wednesday 13 th PTA Disco: Friday 15 th Acer Class Assembly: Friday 22 nd at 8:55am Mufti Day and Snapshot reports sent home: Friday 22 nd Parents Evening: Wednesday 27 th and Thursday 28 th
December	Music Workshop – Wednesday 4 th & Thursday 5 th , performance to parents on 5 th at 2:30 Palm Class Assembly: Friday 6 th December at 8:55am PTA Christmas Fair: Saturday 3 rd December, 12:00 – 15:00, The Horsell Village School Pine Class Assembly: Friday 13 th December at 8:55am Christmas Pause Day: Tuesday 17 th Christmas lunch and jumper day: Thursday 19 th End of term: Friday 20 th , early finish 13:30

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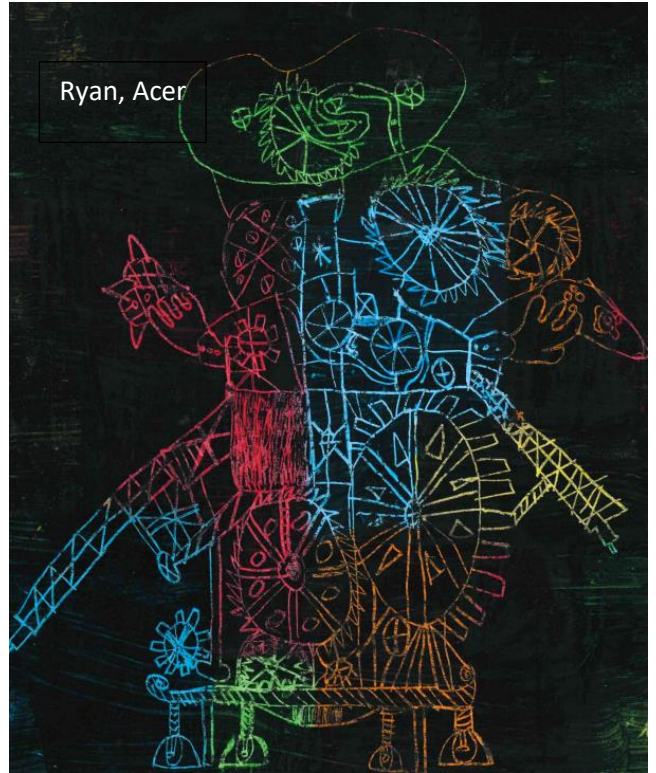
Back to school: Monday 6th January 2025

Our Amazing Art Work!

Tom, Palm



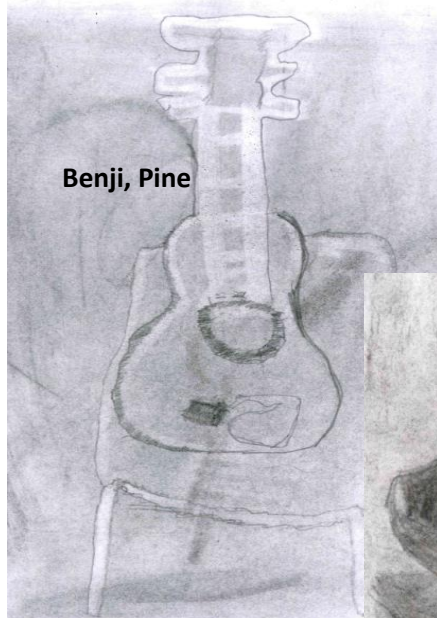
Ryan, Acer



Noha, Acer



Benji, Pine



Lucy, Palm

