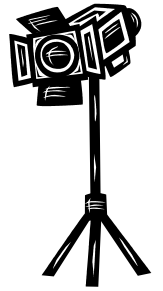




## Spotlight on the Curriculum

This spotlight has been written by the teachers. We hope that it gives you a brief insight into some of the work we will be completing over the next term and also give you some advice as to what you could do to help your child at home.



Year 4 - January 2023 - March 2023

		What are we going to be doing and how could you help at home?
English	What we are doing	We will be reading <i>Escape From Pompeii</i> , then moving on to looking at travel brochures before finishing with <i>Traditional Tales and Poetry</i> . These include stories, diaries and persuasive writing. We will continue with our SPAG work looking at types of punctuation as well as grammar and language features. The children will be given weekly spellings to learn related to either the statutory Key Stage words, spelling rules or letter strings and according to their ability.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure your child learns their weekly spellings.</li> <li>• Listen to your child read their book at least five times a week and ask them questions about what the text (direct retrieval and inference).</li> <li>• Support your child with their weekly homework tasks and make sure the activities are completed by each Friday.</li> </ul>
Maths	What we are doing	We are focusing on multiplication and division. We will then move on measurement, fractions and decimals. We will have a push on the times tables before doing our TT test in May.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure your child learns their weekly times tables and they are prepared for their weekly Soundcheck. Children know their times tables when they can instantly recall the answers.</li> <li>• TT Rockstars is an enjoyable interactive way that children learn to recall times tables.</li> <li>• Support your child with Maths homework, which is usually given every other week.</li> </ul>
Science	What we are doing	Our topics for this term are <i>Animals Including Humans</i> . During this, the children will learn key scientific facts as well as participating in a range of investigations. Alongside this, they will also study key scientists related to these topics.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support your child with any science homework.</li> <li>• Research related materials to enhance understanding.</li> <li>• Encourage your children to take care of their bodies and to look at the differences in humans and animals.</li> </ul>
Theme	What we are doing	Our topic for this term will be <i>Romans</i> which will look at what life was like for a Roman. In RE, we will be looking at journeys and Jesus. In DT / Art, we will be looking at cookies and mosaics. Our French lessons will be centred on vocabulary around the food, hobbies, sports and holidays. For music, the children will be learning about playing instruments.
	How can you help?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support your child with any related homework.</li> <li>• Develop historical vocabulary related to Romans.</li> <li>• Ask your child to demonstrate and practice their knowledge of French vocabulary by speaking phrases and words learnt in lessons.</li> </ul>