

Our theme this term is "Catastrophe!" where we will be learning about natural disasters. We have already started to explore tornados and hurricanes through art, poetry and research.

Disaster! We will be having lots of fun imagining that there has been a huge catastrophe in school! We will make our own emergency meals, explore electricity to create our own light source and immerse ourselves in the disaster story of "The Boat".

HEAR! HEAR! We will be learning about how sound travels and how we hear. This will include making our own musical instruments and composing a "Catastrophe Concerto!"

Unstoppable forces of nature! We will be

continuing our research into natural disasters around the world and writing newspaper reports. Can we build an earthquake proof structure?



In PSHE we will be exploring our dreams and goals. We will be continuing to learn skills for rugby and hockey in PE. In RE we will be learning about the Islamic faith.

<u>Project Time!</u>

As we are learning about "Catastrophe!" this term, we would like you to complete a project which you will bring into school and share with the year group before half term. This can be anything of your choosing - a story, a piece of art, a piece of music, an information leaflet, a Powerpoint presentation, a poster, a 3D model... Be creative! Be imaginative! Have fun!

Projects will be due in on Friday 8th February.

Year 4 Information and Reminders:

HOMEWORK:

Reading	Spelling	Times tables	English	Maths
Daily (Books changed once children have quizzed)	Daily (New spelling lists stuck in red homework books every 3 weeks. Weekly test on a Friday)	Daily (See multiple marathon record in homework books to see which times table your child is working on currently.)	Weekly (Sheet stuck in homework books on a Friday and due the following Friday)	My Maths (We will set new homework units as we cover new areas in Maths lessons - please see the time frame given for completion)

READING:



Remember to challenge your child to complete the 9 book challenge each month! Records of this are stuck into homework books and the books do not have to be accelerated reader books only - all reading counts! You may choose to read a recipe book, or a graphic novel, or a magazine.



OTHER INFORMATION:

- The children need to bring their PE kits in on Monday morning and then take them home on Friday after school to ensure they are in school for all PE lessons
- Maple are swimming on Thursdays this term please see letter for details.
- Children can and are encouraged to bring their own water bottles into school.
- PLEASE CAN WE REMIND ALL CHILDREN THAT THEY NEED TO COME TO SCHOOL WITH THE CORRECT EQUIPMENT EACH DAY. THIS INCLUDES A BLACK PEN, PENCIL AND RULER.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Yours Sincerely,

The Year 4 team,