



LEARNING LETTER

Class 4

Mr Grafton supported by Miss Carnelley and Mrs Webb

Spring 1 2025-2026



CURRICULUM

Welcome back for the start of Spring Term 1. This term is all about Geography. The new topic is titled 'My Region and Campania, Italy'. The children will explore and compare our region to Campania, Italy, looking at physical and human features, comparisons in settlements and locational knowledge. They will also delve into tectonic plates, earthquakes and volcanoes. The children will be taking part in an immersive Italian food afternoon, on the last topic lesson for Spring 1. Other events this half term, include, the children participating in Steel Pans Music lessons, Friday mornings and performing to the school.



SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

Topic homework – There are three tasks to choose from connecting to textiles. I look forward to seeing some lovely homework challenges.

Reading homework – The minimum expectation is that every child reads at least 20 times per term. This allows them to earn a bronze in Reading Olympics. Ideally, children will aim higher than this. Please support your child and encourage them to read regularly at home. Talk to them about what they are reading and ask them to think about characters and events in their stories.

Maths homework – Please support your child to learn their times tables. Memorising them by heart makes a **significant difference to their progress in maths**. There are endless online resources to help with a quick search on Google e.g. Hit the button on Topmarks. Y3 must know 2,5,10,3,4 and 8 times tables. Y4 must know all times table facts up to 12 x 12. Ask your child questions to help with their recall. Car journeys are a good opportunity. There will also be a weekly written maths task. Children can also extend their learning using our online learning platform (Doodle maths).

GENERAL REMINDERS

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their kit and has tape for earrings if they can't take them out. Children must wear black trainers. Please remember swimming kit, towel and goggles every Friday.

This term, our school value focus is '**Sense of Adventure**'. I will be looking for children who keep going when they find work difficult. Getting through the tricky parts by being resilient helps children to make accelerated progress.



Homework Challenges

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CRAVE CURRICULUM – Geography – My Region and Campania, Italy.

Please choose one of the following homework challenges to complete. You may do more than one activity. Dojos will be awarded.
Please bring your completed project back to school by Friday 6th February.



Salt dough map of your region (East Midlands)

Can you make a salt dough map of the East Midlands? Below is a guide of how to make the salt dough and a map.

[Salt Dough Maps- Creative Geography Lesson -](#)

You will need to use your Atlas skills!



Volcanoes in Italy (Mount Vesuvius)

Find out about Mount Vesuvius which is a volcano in the Campania region. Can you find out the history of the volcano, what did this volcano cause? Could you create a fact file?



Make an exploding volcano

For this homework, you can either make a papier mache or junk model of a volcano, or you could follow the link below to make an exploding volcano. Make sure you video it when exploding and send it in to us!

[How to make a volcano | Natural History Museum](#)