

# YEAR 4 | TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

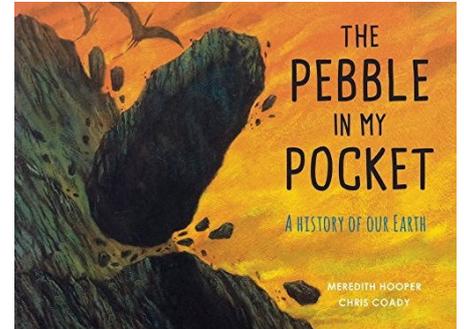
## ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK



Year 4 have had a great first term learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We've enjoyed flint knapping with soap, creating our own cave paintings; and building shelters. In term 2 we will be learning all about rocks and soils and we look forward to sharing all of our learning with you at the end of the term.

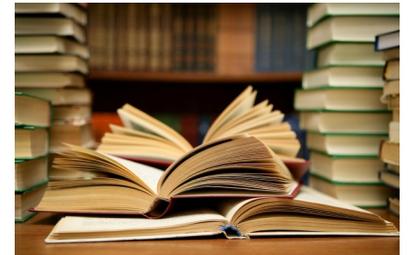
### OUR KEY TEXT

Our key text will be *A Pebble in my Pocket* which tells the dynamic story of rock formation; showing the reader the processes that the pebble goes through from its beginnings in a fiery volcano 480 million years ago, how it is moulded by fire and then shaped by erosion. The reader follows this journey right through to the moment it is picked up and placed into someone's pocket.



### READING AND WRITING

In our writing we will be planning and writing our own story about the pebble in our pockets. Through exploring volcanoes and other settings we will be able to describe a pebble's journey using a range of descriptive vocabulary. Following on from this, we will write and explain how rocks are formed. Throughout both units, we will be expanding our use of complex sentences and conjunctions to include: however, although, while and until.

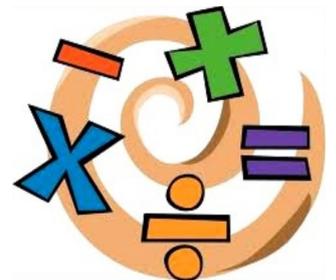


Our reading skills this term will focus on understanding and comprehension as well as the ability to summarise information. We will also be describing how the language and structure of different books helps the reader to understand their meaning.

### MATHS

This term our focus will be on multiplication and division. We will be learning to use short multiplication and division (bus stop method!). Once we have mastered the skill, we will be applying this to solving worded problems and other number challenges. Later in the term, we will also be learning about shape and co-ordinates.

To help your child, please encourage them to practise their times tables and tell the time using an analogue clock. Some good games for telling the time can be found at: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=stop+the+clock&p=1>



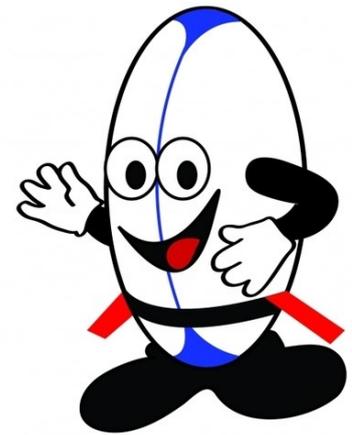
### TOPIC

In geography and science we will be learning about how rocks and soils are formed; including the names and properties of different types of rocks. We will explore volcanoes and how they erupt; where they can be found and what it is like to live near an active volcano.



## PE

Both classes will have two PE sessions every week. Woodpeckers will be Wednesday and Thursday, Kingfishers will be Tuesday and Wednesday. Each class will have a session of dance (indoors) and tag rugby (outdoors). As the weather becomes more autumnal, the children will need a pair of trainers, a warm jumper and jogging bottoms for outdoor PE.



Please make sure names are on all your child's PE kit.

## HOME LEARNING

Please complete the home learning jigsaw over the term and bring in your work to share with the class.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.

Times tables will be tested weekly.

Please continue to read every day as well as practising spellings and times tables.

<p><b>Volcanos</b> Find out about a famous volcano. Present the information you find to share as a poster or leaflet.</p> <p>Task Completed.....</p>	<p><b>Stone age tribe</b> Imagine your family as a stone age tribe. Describe the tribe.</p> <p>Task Completed.....</p>	<p>If you could take 1 person or object back to the stone age, who or what would you take with you from 2017? Explain your choice with your family....</p> <p>Task Completed.....</p>
<p>Draw a Stone Age village and label different things in the village in French eg. fire, house etc</p> <p>Task Completed.....</p>	<p><b>Make a stone Age tool.</b></p> <p>Task Completed.....</p>	<p>Stone age people didn't have a number system. Create your own way of counting. You might want to choose symbols to mean certain amounts!</p> <p>Task Completed.....</p>
<p><b>Choose different types of rocks and describe how they are the same or different.</b></p> <p>Task Completed.....</p>	<p>Write your own recipe for a stone age dinner using the sort of ingredients that would have been available.</p> <p>Task Completed.....</p>	<p><b>Design a cave painting. The painting should show the daily activities that your tribe will do.</b></p> <p>Task Completed.....</p>

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8th November: Parents evening (3.30pm—6pm)

Thursday 9th November : Parents evening (5.30pm—8pm)

Friday 8th December: PFSA Christmas Fayre (5pm—8pm)

Monday 18th December: Class Christmas Party