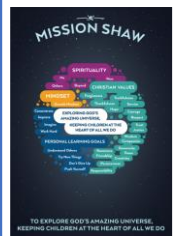


Welcome to Year 4

We hope you have had a lovely summer!

The year 4 team is Mrs Burke in the mornings and Mrs Clark in the afternoons with Mrs Newman as TA every day. We are very excited to get the year started, have lots of fun and see lots of excellent learning.

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WE WILL BEGIN OUR YEAR WITH A TOPIC ON JOURNEYS



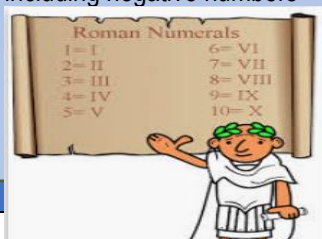
Year 4 are going to kick off the year with a topic finding out all about different countries and famous landmarks around the world, including France, Antarctica, The Great Barrier Reef, Egypt and The Rainforest.

We will use maps and atlases to locate these places in the world as well as find out about the wonder of these places. What is it like there? What plants and animals live there? What adaptations have they had to make to survive? Are these environments under threat? What can we do to help?

MATHS – Please see page 2 and 3 for more information on our maths journey this term.

On our learning journey we will be:

- Comparing 4 digit numbers
- Ordering 4 digit numbers
- Rounding 4 digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- Reading Roman numerals to 100
- Counting backwards through zero including negative numbers



PE

PE lessons will be on Tuesday & Friday afternoons at 2.05-3.05pm. Children should have their PE kits in school every day just in case these change.

RE

T1: Judaism – Beliefs and practices
T2: What is it like for Christians to follow God?

Computing

T1: Programming
T2: Coding

Children will learn how to type a short sequence of instructions and to plan ahead when programming devices on and off screen.

Ongoing: Begin to understand the need to abide by school e-safety rules.

PSHE

T1: Being me in my world
T2: Celebrating differences

Music

T1: Mamma Mia
T2: Glockenspiel stage 1

French

Continuation of Niveau Blanc modules

ENGLISH

The Stimulus for our writing activities will be a text called **Shackleton's Journey by William Grill**. We will be reading about, and responding to, the exciting story of Edmund Shackleton's expedition across the Antarctic in 1915 on his ship The Endurance. Children will be thinking about what it would have been like to have been a crew member and what the breath-taking scenery of the Antarctic would have been like for those seeing it for the very first time. We will be learning lots of new words and writing techniques along the way. All aboard!

SCIENCE – Animals including humans.

Children will learn about the journey food takes through the digestive system and be able to describe the simple functions of the digestive system in humans.

They will also learn how to identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. Finally, we will look at how food chains are constructed and identify producers, predators and prey.

