



# Lavender and Poppy Y4 Classes : Autumn 2 Newsletter



## *What will we be learning this half term?*

### English

This half term, we will be using the book *The Street Beneath my Feet*. We are taking a dive into non-fiction text, linking to our history and science work of rocks and soils. It is supporting our development of conjunctions and adverbial phrases.



### Mathematics

During Autumn term two we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division in Maths. We will also be continuing to use Times Table Rockstars to develop our times tables knowledge. **Please continue to complete this at home at least three times a week.**

### Phonics/Spelling

For our spellings this half term we are focusing on words with the suffix 'ation' and 'ly', words ending 'lly', 'sion', 'ous' and words ending 'ous' including those where 'ge' from the base word remains.

### Recommended Home Reads

Some great ancient civilisation reads include:  
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief



## *Upcoming dates*

- Anti-Bullying week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- Yr 4 Residential – 14<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> November
- Book looks - 25<sup>th</sup> November
- Parent meetings week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Yr 4 Christmas performance 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### General notices

Remember to name all items of clothing.

P.E- come in your PE kit  
Poppy - Mon and Weds Lavender - Mon and Fri.

**Spelling shed homework will be live from Friday at 3pm to the following Wednesday at 9am every week.**

**Don't forget to read at least three times a week at home.**

### Foundation Subjects

Our first unit will be History where we will be learning about early civilisations and the creation of technology, the first written language and their mathematical understanding. In Science we will focusing on Plants looking at their features and life cycles. In Design and Technology we will be making round houses as well as completing some cooking towards the end of the term.



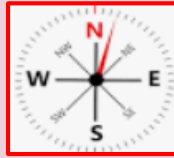
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*You can support our learning even further...*

## Test us on...

The eight compass points.



What is the difference between physical and man made features? Name some physical or man made features in my local area.

Physical: Natural features

Man made: Made by humans

## Ask us to explain...

What is an early civilisation? What did they invent?

A Civilisation is a group of people with their own languages and way of life.

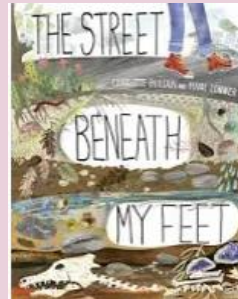
The word **civilisation** comes from the Latin word **civis** meaning someone who lives in a town.

When people are **civilised**, they live in large organized groups like towns, not in small tribes or family groups.

## Question us about...

What is beneath our feet?

(Soil, drains, underground trains animals, fossils, artefacts, rocks, coal mines, mantle and the core)



## See if we can remember...

How did houses change through the stone age? What were they made of? How did they make the structures strong?

What are the different parts of a plant and what do they do?