

# Year 4 Newsletter

Week beginning: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## English

After reading another chapter of 'The Finger Eater' by Dick King-Smith, Year Four created postcards as visitors to Gudrun's village. They described the story setting, the weather and the strange adventures of Ulf the finger-eating troll. Then they wrote diary entries as a child who had been a victim of Ulf! These were very humorous reads. Finally, they wrote an alternative chapter for the book.

The children have also been practising the correct use of quotation marks in our SPaG lessons.

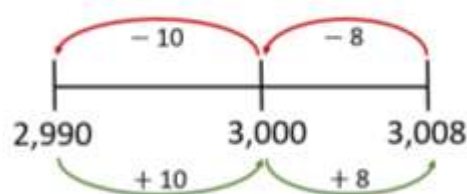
## Maths

In Maths, Year Four have been labelling, identifying and finding missing values on blank or partially completed number lines up to 10,000.

They have also been exploring efficient methods to use when subtracting numbers. The children now know that if the two numbers in a subtraction problem are close to each other, counting **up** from the smaller number to the larger number or counting back from the larger number to the smaller number (finding the difference) is more efficient than column subtraction.

$$3,008 - 2,990 = 18$$

2	9	9	0	8
-	2	9	9	0
	0	0	1	8



6	9	9
-	3	4
	3	5



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-	3	4
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352



$$351 + 1 = 352$$

They also learnt other efficient methods of subtraction. Here are two visual examples.

Subtracting one from the larger number and adding it to the answer will give us the difference between the two numbers.

Or...

Subtracting one from both, the larger and the smaller number, will give us the difference between the two numbers!

### History

On Monday, Year Four created fact files for the Colosseum. The children made simple, quick notes after watching videos and listening to Power Points on the Colosseum and they then turned these jottings into formative, factual sentences.

### Reminder

Year 4 children have their Woodland Learning session next week on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**, in the morning. Please ensure that come to school in their waterproof clothes and bring along their uniforms to change into. Thanks!

### Geography

This week in geography, we studied how the change in the flow of the River Rhine impacts humans and animals living alongside the river.

The children came up with some amazing hypothesis on the impact a river may have on its journey from the source to the mouth.



### Year Four Roman Day

Year Four will have their Roman Day on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. For this, they are invited to wear costumes. More information will be given nearer the time.



### Spellings

Here are the spellings for the next week. Please focus on 5 of the easiest spellings and gradually learn as many of the others as you can.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Courtney, Mrs  
Pattanshetti, Mrs Burling and  
Mrs Millar 😊

information	adoration	sensation
preparation	admiration	exaggeration
propagation	imagination	concentration
education	differentiation	taxation
litigation	damnation	isolation
floatation	hibernation	moderation