

Year 4

Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and the children are well rested and looking forward to an exciting half term in our classes.

Topic

This half term we will be concentrating on the topic of Ancient Egypt. Over the next few weeks we will be learning all about the history of Egypt and its location in the world. As well as learning about the Ancient Egyptians, we are looking forward to welcoming the water colour artist, Hugh Templeton, to create some wonderful Egyptian inspired artwork. We are pleased to be able to invite you to join us for the afternoon, where the children will share with you the new water colour techniques they have learnt. We will be in touch with times and dates later this half term.

Maths

This half term both classes will focus heavily on place value and number work. A particular focus will be on addition and subtraction involving word problems with links to other areas of maths e.g. measure. This will enable the children to practice using a variety of strategies to solve problems. In addition, times tables will be a regular feature of our maths lessons and we would appreciate it if you could support your child with this at home. We have lots of resources available in school, please don't hesitate to ask if you require any additional supporting materials.

Writing

This half term we will be concentrating on story writing. This will require the children to understand the setting and characters within a story. We will be using the text *The Egyptian Cinderella* which links together with our topic work. Sentence structure, punctuation and grammar will follow through all our independent writing.

Drama

We are pleased to announce that we have an external drama teacher, who will be working with us one day a week for the first half term of this year. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to work with a professional drama teacher and learn new techniques and skills. We hope that this will assist in the development of children's self-confidence as well as supporting their creative writing.

Spellings

This year we are putting a particular emphasis on spelling and we would appreciate it if you could support your child with the year 3/4 spelling list at home. We will be sending home a copy of the list and would like it if you could spend some time looking at a small number of spellings with your child each week.

Science

The first half term of year four will be spent learning about animals including humans. This will involve identifying and describing the basic functions of each type of human teeth. In addition, the children will be learning about the role of each organ in the digestive system.

PE

PE will take place on a Friday morning each week. Kit required consists of a plain white or blue t- shirt and navy blue or black shorts. PE sessions will still be outside weather permitting therefore can you please ensure that your child has a pair of trainers, they can also wear a plain navy or black zipped top without a hood and plain bottoms or a plain dark tracksuit.

Family Homework

At home with your child we would like you to create an Egyptian model e.g. a pyramid, mummy, Pharaoh or mask. Try to be as imaginative as possible as they can be 2D or 3D and may be made using any type of art medium, e.g. paper, wood, card, polystyrene. Could you please bring this completed homework in by Friday 29th September?

We are all looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term with Year 4!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us, we're always here to help.

Miss Davies and Miss Wood