

Year 4

Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you've all had a fantastic summer break. The children have settled into Year 4 well and have come back to school with a brilliant attitude to learning which is lovely to see. We are excited to start our first topic 'Amid the Pyramids,' which is all about the ancient Egyptians!

Topic

This half term in topic we will be learning about ancient Egypt. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at a variety of sources such as books, pictures and ICT to find out how the ancient Egyptians used to live and the importance of the River Nile in their daily lives. We will also be looking at the different people in Egyptian society, from the pharaohs who were the most powerful people in Egyptian society to the slaves who worked for the rich pharaohs. Our final challenge for this topic will be next half term where we are especially looking forward to creating our very own Egyptian Festival which will be inspired by The Festival of Opet. Children will be planning and organising their very own Egyptian music and entertainment for their guests at the festival. So look out for invitations for this event. We will send more details about this nearer the time.



Writing

In writing we will be looking at the story 'The Egyptian Cinderella' to further our understanding of what life was like in ancient Egypt. The children will be using role play to explore the characters feelings and emotions during different parts of the story. In grammar the children will be looking at how to add more detail to their writing by using a variety of adjectives (for example, the hot, sandy desert) and conjunctions (for example, because, but, so and however) in their work. They will then apply this to a descriptive re-telling of the story and we will also be having a go at being creative and writing our own endings to the story!

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on number work. We will be consolidating our knowledge of place value and the value of each digit in 3 and 4 digit numbers. We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction using mental and written methods for each of these areas of maths. Children will work on applying their knowledge of these areas to problem solving questions. We will also be working with children on their times tables as the expectation set by the government is that ALL Y4 children are expected to be able to recall the multiplication facts up to 12 X 12 by the end of Year 4. Therefore we will be working hard on our times tables and would really appreciate it if you could also assist your child with this at home.

PE

PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday 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.

We are all looking forward to an exciting first half term with Year 4!

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

Miss Hornsby and Miss Ella