

Year 4

Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you've all had a lovely half term break.

Topic

As you know, we have been working hard on our Egyptian topic last half term. Our challenge at the beginning of this half term is to apply what we have learnt so far to plan and organise an Egyptian style festival, this will include dancing, singing and entertainment for the pharaoh and his guests. We look forward to seeing you on the 12th November at 2.15pm for our Festival of Opet.

After we have completed our Egyptian challenge we will be moving on to our 'Around the World' topic. We will be following Phileas Fogg's journey around the world using our map skills to locate and find out more about the countries he visited on his way. The children will compare his journey in the late 1800's to what it would be like to plan a journey today. For their final challenge the children will be researching methods of transport and reading timetables in order to provide information on how to get to a given country.



Writing

In writing we will be looking at the story 'Around the World in Eighty Days' by Jules Verne. Through role play children will explore the character of Phileas Fogg in more detail. They will make predictions on whether or not they think he can travel around the world in eighty days or if he will lose all his money. Through diary writing the children will write from the point of view of Phileas Fogg to include his thoughts and feelings about the different countries he visits. They will work on including a variety of punctuation within their work such as question marks, exclamation marks and ellipsis to create surprise and suspense in their writing.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division to begin with and will be looking at both mental and written methods for each. We will then apply this knowledge to fraction work including finding fractions of shapes and amounts as well as being able to identify equivalent fractions. Thank you for supporting your child with their times tables it is great to see the hard work they are putting in to learning them. As you know we will be practicing our times tables throughout the year as it is expected that by the end of Year 4 children should know all their times tables up to 12x12. Times Table Rockstars is a website where your child can practice times tables. Usernames and passwords will be sent out if they would like to access the website at home.

PE

PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday morning each week. Kit consists of a plain white or blue t-shirt and navy blue or black shorts. The children will be developing their gymnastics skills this half term so sessions will take place inside.

We are all looking forward to an exciting second 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