

Year 4 Newsletter - September 2023

Welcome to Year 4

Welcome back everybody! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. I am really looking forward to this year and we have lots of exciting things planned for this half term!

Children should arrive at school via the KS2 gate between 8.30am and 8.40am where they can join in with wake up shake up in the hall or go straight into class to read.

At the start of the day the children have a 20-minute session on basic skills such as spelling, handwriting and maths facts. It is essential that your child is here on time so they don't miss these vital sessions.

We will bring the children out of the KS2 bottom gate at 3pm.

I am currently working on dates for the year such as trips, performance assembly etc so as soon as these are finalised, I will send them out to you.

There has been a slight change to the way we work lunch time with older and younger children mixing. Therefore, there will still be a split at lunchtime but the children will not be split into the same groups as last year. This is just something we are trialling and I will keep you updated if there are any changes.

Mrs Exley will be in class every morning to help support the children.

Thank you
Mrs Finch

English and Maths

At the start of the day, the children will have a 20 minute session on basic skills such as spelling, handwriting and maths facts.

In English, we will be recapping grammar and punctuation as well as writing our own stories. We will also be writing an information text about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. As well as following the English curriculum, children will be having sessions on handwriting, grammar and spellings.

We will be covering a range of maths this half term. The children will be learning about place value of numbers over 1,000 as well as developing their reasoning and problem solving skills. We will also be looking at adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers.

Topic ~ The Incredible Egyptians

This half term our topic will be based on the Ancient Egyptians.

We will be comparing different ancient civilisations, learning about hieroglyphics and exploring the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians. We will be learning about Tutankhamun and the discovery of his tomb; the Egyptian gods and their belief in the afterlife and the effect that the River Nile had on Egypt. In Art, we will be sketching Egyptian patterns and using clay to make Egyptian cartouches.

We are hoping to be able to go on a trip to Leeds City Museum to explore their amazing collection of Egyptian artefacts including an actual Mummy! A letter will be sent out soon with more information once it is confirmed.

In RE will be focusing on Diwali and Hinduism. The children will explore the story of Rama and Sita.

In Science our topic is animals, including humans. We will focus on the digestive system and our teeth. The children will have the opportunity to learn all about teeth and how vitamins and minerals help our bodies. Our computing this half term will focus on programming and coding.



PE

This term, PE will be on a Thursday and a Friday. Please can you ensure you send your child in with their full PE kit. They can also have an outdoor PE kit as we will do outdoor PE where possible.

The children will do dance and rugby this half term.

All earrings must be removed or covered with tape. School can supply the tape but children must apply it themselves.

Homework

Children will have weekly spellings to learn as part of their homework. In addition to this they can read, learn times tables and go on Purple Mash. Spellings will be sent home every Monday in a small orange book and will be tested every Friday. In addition to weekly spellings, they also have a copy of the year 3 and 4 common exception words stuck in their PACT books. We will be assessing the children on these throughout the year.

Homework project activities for children to complete over the term will be stuck in PACT books.