

Year 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of a new and exciting year. This year's themes offer lots of stimulating and interesting things to learn about and we are sure your child is going to embrace every aspect.

This half-term, we are learning about The Ancient Egyptians. Within the theme, children will be exploring when and where the Ancient Egyptian people lived, who the most important people were and how death was dealt with in Ancient Egypt. To provide the children with an insight into life during this period we will be visiting Leeds City Museum on **Friday 22nd September (4J)** and **Wednesday 27th September (4M)** (details to follow). This theme will also be explored through other subject areas, such as art, computing and design and technology. On **Friday 3rd November** we hope you will be able to join us for our assembly and Ancient Egyptian museum where the children will share all they have learnt about this amazing civilization. If your child would like their Learning Log to be included in the museum, please ensure it is returned to school **before the 3rd November**.

We are very lucky to be able to work with our artist in residence, Sharan Snaylam, this half term. Our work with her will link to our Egyptian theme and we will be exhibiting our creations at Hirstwood Nature Reserve on **Tuesday 12th December** (details nearer the time).

Initially our English work will begin with postcards and poetry based around the journeys the children have undertaken over the summer. We will then move on to explore non-fiction texts, their features, how they differ from fiction and discovering whether Tutankhamun, the boy pharaoh, was killed or died from natural causes. We will also be creating non-fiction presentations in our computing sessions based upon our Egyptian theme.

In Maths we will begin by extending our knowledge and understanding of place value, including numbers beyond 1000. We will also be ordering, comparing and rounding increasingly large positive numbers and solving number and practical problems. The Year 4 curriculum places greater emphasis on children knowing their times table facts up to 12 by the end of Year 4. Consequently, we will be working with the children on their tables facts, largely through games and fun activities. We would welcome any support you could provide at home. We will consolidate the tables learnt in Year 3 and focusing on the six times table which will also be the children's Learn By Heart Target Homework (dates overleaf).

The children will be continuing with their recorder lessons on Friday afternoons, 4J one afternoon and 4M the following Friday afternoon. If your child brought their recorder home at the end of the summer term, please could you ensure they return it to school by Friday 16th September.



This year, our indoor P.E. session will be on **Thursday** (Netball) and outdoor P.E. on **Friday** (Football). We request that children attend school in their P.E. kit on those days to maximize our learning time (school colours & no football shirts please).

Homework

We will be encouraging the children to read regularly. They will be choosing and bringing books home from the school library, which we hope you will listen to them read. Our library day is Wednesday, please ensure your child's library book is in school on this day if they would like to change it.

Maths homework will be sent every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target. To begin with these tasks will be times table based. We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their recall of the multiplication and division facts for the set times tables.

Maths Learn By Heart Homework	
Book to be sent home from school	Book to be returned to school
Friday 15th September	Wednesday 27 th September
Friday 29th September	Wednesday 11 th October
Friday 13th October	Wednesday 1st November

Spellings for this half term are listed below, we would also appreciate you spending some time with your child learning these.

Autumn 1 Spellings

accidentally	actually	believe
bicycle	breath	breathe
business	calendar	caught
centre	century	certain

As in previous years, a Learning Log activity will be sent home for your child to complete over the half term holiday. The Autumn half term learning log will be sent home on **Friday 13th of October** and should be returned to school by **Monday 6th November** or before

Friday 3rd November if your child would like to display their work in the Egyptian museum.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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