

# Year 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new and exciting year. We hope you have had a good summer and are refreshed and ready for the new school 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. To provide the children with an insight into life during this period the children will take part in an action packed **Egyptian workshop delivered by Portals From the Past on Wednesday 3rd October** (details to follow). Our theme will also be explored through other subject areas, such as design and technology, computing and art.

Our English work will begin with exploring the mystery around Tutankhamun's death. We will write in role as an Egyptologist and analyse non-fiction texts and their features. 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 and then move on to addition and subtraction. 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 extensively with the children on their tables facts, largely through games and fun activities. We would welcome any support you could also provide at home.

In science, Year 4 will be investigating where the food goes in our body, how it is digested, and the similarities and difference between animal and human teeth and their functions.

This year, our indoor P.E. session will be on **Tuesday** (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). The children will also be continuing with their recorder lessons on alternate Friday afternoons.

## Homework

The children will be reading in class every day, however we would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read at home too. Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target. We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their maths and spelling targets. 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 12th of October** and should be returned to school by **Monday 5th November**.

### Learn By Heart Homework

<u>Book to be sent home from school</u>	<u>Book to be returned to school</u>
Friday 14th September	Wednesday 26th September
Friday 28th September	Wednesday 10th October
Friday 12th October	Wednesday 31st October

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

Kind regards,

The Year 4 Learning Team

Miss Jacklin & Miss Sayers(4J), Mrs Noble & Mr Feather(4N) & Mrs Mowbray

