




Year 4 Newsletter: Spring 1 – 2022

Murder, Mystery & Mummification – Tutankhamun: The Boy Pharaoh

	Welcome to the spring 1 half term	
	<p>Welcome back. We hope you had a fantastic, festive break and you are ready for an exciting and busy spring half term. This half term's theme offers lots of stimulating and interesting things to learn about and we are sure the children are going to enjoy and embrace every aspect of the half term ahead. We are hopeful that learning in Year 4 will continue without any disruptions however we know that for some children there may be times when they are unable to be in class with us.</p> <p>We are also working hard on our times tables. This half term we should complete learning all the times tables. Any additional practice that can be completed at home will really help your child become fluent in these important number facts.</p> <p>We are looking forward to our York residential in May. If you have any questions about the trip or if you do not wish your child to attend please contact the office or your child's teacher as soon as possible.</p>	
Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:
This half term our fascinating Murder, Mystery & Mummification topic is based on the ancient Egyptians and the famous, boy pharaoh, Tutankhamun. To provide the children with an insight into life during this period, the children will take part in an interesting online workshop delivered by the fantastic education team at Leeds City Museum.		All additional dates will be communicated separately.
Homework	Learning Log	
Maths and spelling homework will continue to be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target (the first one for this half term will be sent home on Friday 7th January). We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their maths and spelling targets. In addition, please could you encourage your child to practise their times tables either verbally or by using TT Rockstars online. 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.	A Learning Log activity will be sent home on Friday 7 th January for your child to complete over this half term. This half term's learning log should be returned to school by Monday 14th February . Children are encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our Ancient Egypt theme.	
	PE Days	
	Tuesday (Outdoor) – Invasion games Thursday (Indoor) – Athletics Please continue to come to school in your PE kit on these days. Remember school colours (no football shirts) and warm kit for outdoor PE as it gets chillier, thank you.	
Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
In English we will be completing our own persuasive adverts for an eco product that will help reduce single use plastic. We will then go on to read <i>Secrets of a Sun King</i> by Emma Carroll before writing our own recounts inspired by this.	In maths our half term focus is multiplying and dividing. We will be mastering our 9, 11 and 12 times tables, multiplying 2 and 3 digits by a 1 digit number, exploring factor pairs and efficient multiplication. We will delve into the world of measurement and area, finishing the half term looking at fractions.	Our science unit we will look at food chains and explore the digestive system and identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. We will be finding out about the impact of different foods on our teeth and how to look after them.
DT	History & Geography	Computing
In DT we will be following in the footsteps of the ancient Egyptians by creating Shadulfs - a machine for transporting water from low to high levels	In history we will be exploring the location in time of the ancient Egyptians, their achievements, daily life, and the rise and fall of the civilisation. We will discover the importance of the river Nile in the founding and expansion of this amazing ancient civilisation.	In computing the children will be developing their word processing skills and exploring how work can be presented and formatted in different ways depending on the audience and purpose.
Other:		Year Four Team
The children will continue with ukulele lessons on alternate Friday mornings. In RE we will asking 'Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?'. In PHSE we will be looking at how to stay safe and how to take safe risks.		Earhart Class – Mr Hurtault & Mrs Bagnall Heaps Fiennes Class- Mr Breeze & Mr Gedney Mrs Thakker will be working across both classes teaching French.
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