





Murder, Mystery and Mummification

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 the children are going to enjoy and embrace every aspect of the year ahead.

Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:	
 <p>This half-term, we are learning about the Ancient Egyptians.</p>	<p>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 Thursday 3rd October.</p> <p>We hope to share our work at the end the half term with parents and carers. An invitation to our exciting exhibition of work will be winging its way to you soon.</p> <p>Individual Photographs – Friday 27th September 2019</p>		
Homework	Learning Log	PE Days	
Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every fortnight in the form of a Learn by Heart Target (starting on Friday 13th September). 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. The autumn half term learning log will be sent home on Friday 13th September and should be returned to school by Monday 21st October. Children will be encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our Egyptian theme.	This year, our outdoor PE session will be on Tuesday (football) and indoor PE on Wednesday (netball). We request that children attend school in their PE kit on those days to maximise our learning time (school colours and no football shirts please).	
Curriculum			
English	Maths	Science	
Our English work will explore the mystery around Tutankhamun's death. We will write in role as an Egyptologist, analyse non-fiction texts and their features and write our own report into the death of Tutankhamun.	We will begin the year by extending our knowledge and understanding of place value, including numbers beyond 1000. The Year 4 curriculum places greater emphasis on children knowing their times table facts up to 12 by the end of Year 4, therefore we will also be focussing on these at the beginning of each lesson. Many of our learn by heart targets will also be based on the times tables.	 <p>Investigating why different foods are important to our bodies, where the food goes in our body, how it is digested, and creating models of the digestive system will be the focus of our science lessons.</p>	
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.			
Humanities	Art/DT	Computing	
We will be exploring the lives of the ancient pharaohs, when and where they lived, why the Nile was so important, the beliefs and rituals around death and the afterlife, and how artefacts, hieroglyphs and tomb paintings can help us understand the Ancient Egyptian society and the lives they lived.	We are delighted to be working with Sharon Snaylam, our artist in residence, during the first autumn half term. The children will be working on an exciting sculpture project linked to our Ancient Egyptians theme.	Creating non-fiction PowerPoint presentations based upon our Egyptian theme will be the focus of our computing sessions. As we will be using the internet for research and acquisition of images, we will also be exploring what it means to be a responsible digital citizen.	
The children will also be designing, making and evaluating a shaduf, a hand-operated device for lifting water.			
Other:		Year Four Team	
This half term, the children will begin ukulele lessons on alternate Friday afternoons. In RE the children will explore and describe a range of beliefs, symbols and actions so they can understand different ways of life. They will discuss challenging questions about belonging, meaning, purpose and truth and the challenges of commitment to a community of faith or belief. In PHSE the children will explore relationships and valuing differences.		Miss Jacklin – Class Teacher (4J) Mrs Weldon – Class Teacher (4W) Miss Nicol – Teaching Assistant (4W) Miss Brett Mrs Morgan Mrs Mowbray – Teaching Assistant Mrs Thakker	