



Year 4 Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Children,

We hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and we are delighted to welcome you back for a fun-packed final term in Year 4. We have lots to enjoy this term including sports day, Egyptian Day and our fabulous Explore, Dream, Discover topic - 'The Ancient Egyptians'. We hope you enjoy your summer term!

English

This term in English our class novel is 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. We are looking forward to sharing the adventures in the gripping novel with our classes, so please could we ask that you do not read ahead if you purchase a copy for your child.

We will continue with our weekly routine of spelling tests, supported by regular practice in class at least three times weekly. As always, your support in helping your children to learn their spellings and understand the word meanings is appreciated. This enables them to use their extended vocabulary appropriately in sentences.

Maths

This term we will be focussing on fractions, decimals, time, shape and geometry, as well as recapping the essential skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The summer term will see a focus on quick recall of times tables facts up to 12 x 12, the application of these multiplication facts, and the quick recall of the related division facts. Children will be encouraged to practise these on line and to apply them in lessons. During June, pupils will be taking part in the statutory Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check in which they will be answering 25 random multiplication questions, with a six second time limit per question.

Explore, Dream, Discover curriculum

As stated, our class novel is 'Secrets of a Sun King' and this will be feeding into our afternoon lessons as we learn all about the Egyptians. We will be taking part in a fantastic Egyptian Day (more information to follow), examining the historical era, looking at timelines, discovering lots about the pyramids, and exploring why the River Nile was so important, as well as learning all about the Egyptian Gods and cracking hieroglyphics.

In Science we will be learning about animals including humans where we find out all about the digestive system, including how food starts its journey with the teeth. This ties in beautifully with our Egyptian learning where we will be 'getting gruesome'!

Reading and Brainbuilders Homework

Although we do not currently use reading diaries, regular reading is still of high importance and we still encourage the children to read at least 5 times a week at home. We are currently monitoring this in school through regular quizzing on Accelerated Reader. (We do understand that those children who are reading 'chunkier books' may not be quizzing as frequently as some of their peers.)

Brainbuilders homework will be set weekly on a Wednesday on Seesaw. This needs to be completed and submitted by the following Monday.

PE

PE lessons will continue to take place on a Monday so remember to come in to school wearing appropriate, school colour PE kit.

This term we will be practising our tennis, rounders and athletics skills.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to helping your child's learning

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