

Dear Parent/Carer,

On behalf of the Year 4 team, we hope that everyone managed to have a relaxing half term break we are looking forward to getting started with some high quality teaching and learning. Below is an overview of what the children will be learning this half-term, along with some important information.

Maths

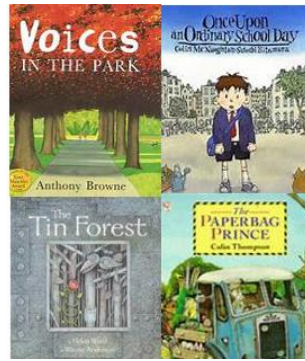
In Year 4, our maths curriculum this half term will be based on fractions. Pupils will be learning about how to find equivalent fractions, identify fractions over 1 and look at fractions of amounts. They will apply their learning to a range of fluency and reasoning problems. We will continue to practise our times tables as this knowledge will be very useful when working with fractions.

English

In English, we will be looking at four different texts *The Paper Bag Prince*, *Tin Forrester*, *The ordinary school day* and *voices in the park*. The children will compare the stories to identify the similarities and differences between the narratives. By the end of term, the pupils will be writing their own narratives following the structures of the four different books we will have looked at in class.

Computing

This half term, the children create digital media. Children will learn about audio inputs and outputs and will build up to creating their own podcasts, which they will then edit.



Science

This half term, our Science is focused on Animals Including Humans. Children will learn about the features and functions of different human teeth and the importance of good dental hygiene. Children will also learn about the digestive system and how food chains are constructed.

History/Geography

This half term year 4 will be learning about Ancient Egypt. The pupils will learn about the different aspects of Egyptian life. They will learn what the people were like and about the different place and structures that existed. There will be multiple opportunities during this topic for the pupils to learn about Ancient Egypt in a fun and engaging way.

RE/PSHE

In RE, Year 4 will learn about Gurus and their significance in the Sikh faith. During PSHE, year 4 will be learning about legal drugs and there associated risks. They will also learn about the effects of drinking alcohol on people health and behaviour.

PE/Music

During P.E lessons, Year 4 will be thinking of ways to be creative within lessons. Pupils will participate in a range of physical activities which aim to build movement skills and creativity. In Music, Year 4 will explore the features of gospel music. Pupils will have the opportunity to compare different gospel songs and they will learn 'Lean on me' by Bill Withers.

Our Place in 'Our' World.

Children will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of democracy. Year 4 will learn the different rights we have in society and how these may be different to the rights of people in other countries. In French this half term pupils will be learning

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

As 'Aspiring Entrepreneurs, Year 4 will develop leadership and management skills within their P.E lessons. Children will have the opportunity to learn what it takes to be a good leader and how these skills can be transferred into adulthood.

Healthy and Happy Living

Children will learn the importance of dental hygiene in their science topic. They will look at the importance of brushing their teeth regularly and what can happen if people don't take care of their teeth.

Inquisitive Investigators

As 'Inquisitive Investigators, Year 4 will have an opportunity to take part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop. Where they will get the chance to investigate some Ancient Egyptian artefacts, discuss what they may have been used for and develop a greater knowledge of Ancient Egyptian life

Important information:

- Our PE lessons will take place every Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that children come to school on Thursdays **already dressed** in their PE kit, which they will wear for the full day. 4MA will now have PE on a Tuesday with the Leeds United sports coach.
- Swimming will take place on **Friday mornings**. Please ensure your child comes 'swimming ready'.
- Spelling practise will be sent home on a Friday. Children should keep their spellings until Friday, as they should practice throughout the week. A Maths homework will also be sent home on Fridays and should be returned the following Friday.
- Spelling and Times Tables Rockstars tests will be on a Friday
- Please ensure that children are reading regularly at home and that any reading completed at home is being recorded on the GoRead app. If you are unsure of child's login class teachers will be happy to provide pupils with another copy.
- Parents evening will take place on the 16th and 17th March
- The pupils will be attending a school trip to Leeds Discovery Centre on either the 14th or 15th March
- Children will receive a carton of milk at break times if this has been paid for. Children may bring a named water bottle, which can be stored in the classroom.
- If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Atherton who is the Department Lead.

Thank you for your continued support 😊