

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new term! We hope that you have all enjoyed the holidays and that the children are eager to get started once again. Below is an overview of what your child/children will be learning this term. You will already have seen that we are trialling a different homework format this half term. The aim is to streamline the homework and focus it on the things that the children are really engaged in and the popular craft challenges as well as rewarding the regular reading, spelling and times table practice that are so vital to childrens ongoing education and progress. Thank you so much for your support with this. Later in the year we will be collecting parent views on this adapted format.

Maths

In Year 4, our maths topic this half term is fractions and decimals. Pupils will be learning about how to find equivalent fractions, identify fractions over 1 and look at fractions of amounts. We will continue to practise our times tables as this knowledge will be very useful when working with fractions and decimals as well as getting us ready for the Multiplication Tables Check.

English

This half term, we will focus on two texts: The Paperbag Prince and Tin Forest. Children will explore the key themes and events of these two books and identify how these events are similar. As we read the stories, children will gather vocabulary and then write their own story that follows a similar theme. Children will develop their own characters, plot and setting.

Computing/ Art

In Computing, children will explore audio sounds. They will test and identify what environment and equipment are best suited to recording audio and then use their new knowledge and skills to record a podcast. In Art we will be exploring printing and linking this with our History topic by printing hieroglyphics.



Science

Our topic is 'Animals including Humans'. Children will learn about oral hygiene and how to maintain a healthy set of teeth and gums. Children will create their own leaflet for a dentist. Children will also investigate the digestive system by completing a very messy investigation involving tights, orange juice and crackers!

History

Our focus will be on the Ancient Egyptians and why they are still remembered today. To help us understand this, we will look at what the different roles were in society, the River Nile, Tutankhamun, Mummification and Egyptian Gods.

RE/PSHE

In RE we will be looking at why Gurus are at the heart of Sikh belief and practice. In PSHE, we will be looking Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Education, specifically the physical and psychological risk and consequences.

PE/Music

This half-term Year 4 will be starting their new module where they will be running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination in a variety of different games. In music we will be learning about gospel music and its features before learning and performing a piece of gospel music.

Our Place in 'Our' World.

We will explore how the River Nile is used for transportation across the world and allow trade between several countries.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Children will continue to face Year 4 challenges with a growth mindset and develop as reflective learners. Children will reflect on their work in lessons and consider ways they could improve.

Healthy and Happy Living

Linked with our Science topic we will be looking at oral hygiene, how to look after our teeth and the importance of visiting the dentist.

Inquisitive Investigators

We will use our investigative inquiry to help us answer our enquiry question in History. Also, we will investigate the positive and negative effects of

Important information:

- Our PE lessons this half term will now take place on a Friday morning for all classes. Please ensure that children come to school on Friday **already dressed** in their PE kit, which they will wear for the full day.
- Swimming will take place on **Friday mornings**. Please ensure your child comes 'swimming ready'.
- Spelling practice will be sent home on a Friday. Children should keep their spellings until Friday, as they should practise throughout the week, they should also be regularly logging on to Spelling Shed to practise their assigned spellings. 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

Thank you for your continued support 😊