



Year 4's Newsletter

Summer 2 2024

**The Teachers in Year 4 are Miss Meredith, Mrs McIlroy, Mrs Bramley and Mrs Holt.
The Teaching Assistant for Wonderful Woodpeckers is Mrs Bamford and the Teaching Assistant for the Deaf for Busy Bees is Mrs Fox.**

Our Main Project this term is 'Ancient Civilisations'.

During our topic this half term, your child will be carrying out their learning through mini projects. Our first mini project is Science based and is called 'Electrical Circuits and Conductors'. In this mini project the children will learn about electrical appliances and safety. They will construct simple series circuits and name their parts and functions, including switches, wires and cells. They will investigate electrical conductors and insulators and will learn about programmable devices. The next project is called 'Tomb Builders' and it's driver subject is Design and Technology. In this project, the children will learn about simple machines, including wheels, axles, inclined planes, pulleys and levers. They will explore how they helped ancient builders to lift and move heavy loads. For Art and Design, we will be working on a mini project called 'Statues, Statuettes and Figurines' where we will learn about 3-D representations of the human form. The children will study examples from ancient civilisations and use their clay skills to create a Sumer-style figurine. The last mini project this half term is called 'Islamic Art'. It will teach the children about the features of Islamic art. They will make geometric patterns and motifs on paper, with fabric and in clay. They will then use their learning to create a high relief clay tile, decorated with geometric patterns.

In English this half term, we will be writing a biography all about Tutankhamun. We will also be writing a letter based on our learning about Ancient Egypt. The texts we will be using this half term are 'The Legend of Tutankhamun' by Sally Jane Morgan, 'Tutankhamun's Tomb' by Sue Reid and 'Ancient Egypt' by Dorling Kindersley. In Whole Class Reading this half term, we will be focussing on Tutankhamun using a range of non-fiction and fiction books. We will continue to practise our VIPERS skills by answering questions about the texts we read.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

- Use the internet to research Tutankhamun, especially his early life. Then, use what you have found out about Tutankhamun to create an information card.
- Go on a walk around your house to identify programmable devices. How many devices can you find?
- Use junk modelling to create your own simple machine. Think carefully about what resources you could use for wheels and how you will attach the different parts of your machine together.

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Mental calculations (using the inverse, multiplication and division facts, factor pairs and the distributive law).
- Measures (converting units of measure, perimeter and area of shapes, money and time).
- Written addition and subtraction.
- Mental and written multiplication and division.
- 2D shape, angles and coordinates
- Statistics

General Reminders:

Home Learning: Home learning will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Thursday. Your child will be able to access home learning activities through Purple Mash. They will receive an email every week through the communication and email section on Purple Mash. Please read through the home learning sheet as this gives you the details on the activities. **Please encourage children to practise their times tables every day on TT Rockstars or hit the button.**

**PE: Busy Bees: Monday (Swimming) and Tuesday
Woodpeckers: Monday and Tuesday**

Please ensure children wear the appropriate summer/winter PE kits when they come to school so they can participate in the lessons.

Swimming costumes, towels and swimming caps bought in a bag to school with them. Earrings must be removed at home on each P.E day.

Reading: Please continue to read regularly with your child on MYON and the reading book they bring home.

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain **water** only.

Healthy Snack:

No snack is provided in Year 4. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack (a piece of fruit only) every day for snack.

Useful Websites:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.sumdog.com/en/>

<https://trockstars.com/>

Summer Dates for your Diary:

Monday 3rd June – Friday 14th June: Multiplication Tables Check Period

Thursday 13th June: Conkers Trip

Monday 17th June: School Closure Day

Wednesday 19th June: Reigate Summer Fayre

Wednesday 10th July: Sports Day

Monday 15th July: Reports to Parents

Tuesday 23rd July: KS2 Ice Cream Day

Term ends- Tuesday 23rd July

Back to School – Wednesday 5th September

Any other Information:

Thank you for your support throughout the year. If you have any questions about your child's learning, please speak to one of the team.