

# Year 4 News

Dear Parents / Carers,

After a long summer break welcome to what we hope will be an exciting new year. Following is information about the learning and fun activities that year 4 will be taking part in.

Please do not hesitate to come in and discuss any issues you may have. Also, we welcome any new ideas and initiatives!

Following is a curriculum overview i.e. what will be taught in the year 4 class during this term:

## Literacy:

During this term we will be analysing recounts and newspaper reports with the aim of being able to write our own reports. Children will be analysing the structural and language features of a newspaper report and creating a checklist to aid their own writing. At the end of the unit children will be writing a report.

Also, they will be writing stories with dilemmas. They will be studying a wide range of stories with dilemmas and use some of the ideas to write their own story endings. The main focus will be on sentence structure and description of characters and settings.

## Maths:

As part of maths this term pupils will be revisiting place value, negative numbers and efficient written and mental methods of addition and subtraction. They will also be looking at solving multiplication and division problems.

At the same time, children will be studying 2 / 3D shapes identifying the properties of shapes.

All the children need to learn all their times tables up to 12x12.

## Topic:

At the start of the term children will be learning about states of matter – materials. They will be setting up and conducting experiments, recording observations and drawing conclusions.

During the latter part of the term, children will be researching information about Ancient Egypt. They will be finding out about the physical and the human features of the great civilisation. Children will be writing mini-reports, articles and creating leaflets to record information about the life of rich / poor Egyptians, their food, daily routines, work, education, religions, entertainment etc.

Computing: pupils will be taught to design and code programs so specific tasks may be performed and altered.

Spellings: children will be given a list of spellings every Monday. They may practice these at home as they will be tested every Friday.

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## Moral and social:

Children's main focus this term is on "new beginnings". They will be discussing and establishing the appropriate and acceptable ways of expressing their feelings. They will look at ways in which they can make other children join in better in their games and therefore have a happier time.

## P.E kits:

Year 4 children have been allocated P.E slots on Mondays. I would like to request that all children please bring their P.E kits to school and leave them here for the term.

## Reading at home:

Children have been advised to read 5 times a week. This would help the children to improve their comprehension skills.

## Home Work:

Children will be given Maths homework every Friday and completed homework must be brought in by the following Friday. Also, pupils will be getting homework project based on Ancient Egypt to be completed and handed in on the specified dates.

Thank you,

Mrs Khalid, Mr Coward and Mrs Berry.