

## Curriculum Information for Parents

### Year 4 – Spring Term 2 2024

#### English

During our English sessions this term, we will be exploring a range of text types including fictional texts. We will be engaging in a number of Egyptian fiction books to support instruction writing. We will read 'Flat Stanley: The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery' to inspire narrative and recount writing. We will also have some grammar focussed sessions. In guided reading, we will continue to explore a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetic extracts. Each week, we will apply our inference, retrieval and clarification skills to answer questions about the text. Further to this, we will also continue to engage with our 'Let's Think in English' units to support deeper thinking skills and strategies.

#### Maths

Our daily maths sessions and mental maths this half term will include a continuation of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. Also:

- Fractions
  - Adding and subtracting fractions
  - Finding fractions of a set of objects
- Decimals
  - Recognising tenths and hundredths
  - Dividing by 10 and 100
  - Placing tenths and hundredths on a number line and place value grid

## Extraordinary Egyptians

**PE Days** - Our PE days for this half term will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. We will be outside in all weathers, and different days if wet, so please ensure your child has all appropriate clothing in their PE bag. Please remember a hair bobble and tape for earrings.

**Times Tables** - The children are working really hard on learning their times tables and we are happy with the progress that we are seeing. The Y4 times table assessment is at the end of this academic year for the children. Please encourage your child to use TT Rockstars, Hit The Button or other fun ways to keep them practising! Keep up the hard work! Set a times table for one week and constantly ask random questions!

#### Home learning

Children will have a selection of tasks to complete over a series of weeks. They will need to complete a certain number of tasks to achieve 20 or more points, however they will have a choice over which activities to choose.

#### Reading

Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week and complete a page of their reading journal. This supports their vocabulary and fluency reading skills and promotes a love for reading. Please set out to achieve this goal and fill in the log. Reading logs will be collected in and the number of reads counted every Thursday.

#### History

Our new topic is 'Extraordinary Egyptians.' We will learn where Egypt is in relation to other countries and investigate why the river Nile and farming were so important to the Ancient Egyptians. We will also explore what society was like in Ancient Egypt, research what beliefs the Egyptians held and look at why the pyramids were built and by whom.

#### Science

This term we will be asking "How do plants reproduce?" The children will be dissecting and looking at the different parts of the flower, whilst using appropriate scientific vocabulary to label them.

#### PSHE

This term we will be asking ourselves, "How can I manage my feelings?" We will be discussing what feelings we might experience and triggers. We will also be discussing appropriate strategies to help with coping with these emotions.

#### Music

We will continue to learn the recorder and look forward to sharing our skills with you in our end of term concert on

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

#### PE

In our indoor PE sessions, we will be doing dance. In our outdoor sessions, we will be learning skills for the game of hockey.

#### RE

Our RE unit this term is based around the concept of rituals. In particular, we will learn about the meaning behind the Pascal candle.

#### Computing

In computing, we will be working on programming repetition in games.

#### DT

This term we will be looking at structures. We will be designing and making a mini-pyramid.

#### Spanish

This term, we will continue learning about shops, clothes and shopping.