

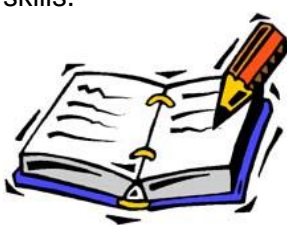






Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2017

A big welcome to Year 4! I hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are now relaxed and refreshed. I am sure that the children are looking forward to starting a new year and to learning lots of new and exciting things. I hope you find the subject outlines useful and that you can support your child in any way that you feel able. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries. I will be teaching the children Monday-Thursday and Mrs Mennie will teach the class on a Friday. Mrs Hopkins is the class teaching assistant.

Mrs Yvonne Chumbley
Class Teacher

English	Maths	Science
<p>During this term we will be exploring a range of different types of texts including poetry, quest myths, reports and stories. The children will be focusing on using the correct punctuation and a range of descriptive techniques. We will start to explore the use of fronted adverbials of time e.g. As the sun began to set. We will also be exploring homophones in our spelling work. The children will continue their daily Guided Reading sessions where they will look for clues in the text and develop their skimming and scanning skills.</p> 	<p>We will spend time consolidating many concepts previously taught. We will be paying particular attention to the recall of simple number facts and multiplication tables. We will have a big emphasis on using the standard methods for addition and subtraction. The children will continue to have a weekly times table and mental maths test.</p>	<p>In Science we will investigate how sounds are created and transmitted. The children will learn how to plan and carry out a fair test and compare the sound proofing properties of materials. We will also learn about electricity, creating circuits to power bulbs with switches. The children will learn about insulating and conducting materials and look for scientific patterns in their observations.</p>
	History	Computing
	<p>During this term we will be investigating the Ancient Egyptians. We will find out about their lives, beliefs and their impact on us today.</p> 	<p>During this term the children will learn about the history of the World Wide Web, learn how to use it efficiently, check for accuracy and understand how to keep safe.</p> 

Art	Design and Technology	RE
<p>We will link our art with our Egyptian topic. We will be learning how to draw a person with the correct proportions and creating an Ancient Egyptian tomb painting.</p> 	<p>In D&T we will use our understanding of simple circuits to design and create a light up Christmas card or light up picture.</p>	<p>In RE we will learn about Hindu Gods and places of worship. We will also learn about Christian pilgrimages, Advent and Christmas.</p> 
PE	PHSE	French
<p>In PE sessions the children will be developing ball skills. The children will also have gymnastics where they will focus on balance. As the weather becomes colder please ensure children have PE kits in school.</p>	<p>The children will learn about peer pressure and body image. We will also explore our autumn school values of: Harmony, sharing, courage and happiness.</p>	<p>The children will revise previous work and develop their confidence when talking about themselves and counting beyond 30.</p>
Class Rules	Trip Info	Music
<p>Ask questions. Never give up. Be respectful. Treat others kindly. Be responsible. Do your homework. Always do your best. Follow the school values.</p>	<p>We will visit Stevenage Museum to take part in an exciting Ancient Egyptian workshop.</p>	<p>The children will begin to learn to play the glockenspiel. The children will also explore how music is structured and will create and perform their own piece based on Ancient Worlds.</p>
Parent Partnership	Homework	
<p>During Year 4 I like to develop the children's independent skills. Please encourage your child to pack their own bags for school and remember to complete and hand in their homework.</p> <p>If possible, please hear your child read at least three times a week and sign their reading record.</p> <p>Encourage your child to learn and revise their times tables – just five minutes a day will really help.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns – I am always here to help.</p>	<p>Homework will be set weekly. Week1: Maths and Spellings. Week 2: Reading and Grammar. In addition topic based work may be set.</p> <p>Homework will always be set on a Wednesday and due in on a Monday.</p> <p>A weekly times table test will take place on a Wednesday and children should be learning and revising their tables each week. It is essential that your child reads every night and completes their reading diary.</p> 