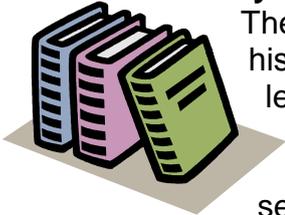


## To the parents of children in Year 4

Happy New Year to you all. We are really looking forward to the Spring Term when our topic will be 'The Sands of Time – a study of ancient and modern Egypt'. Below is an overview of the work to be covered by the Year Four children in the coming weeks.

### Literacy



The children will learn how to write diary recounts, documenting the historical discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. The children will also learn how to write explanation texts (detailing the mummification process), a narrative (creating their own Egyptian Gods story) and a formal letter. Word and sentence level work will focus on varying sentence types to include compound and complex sentences, sentence openers, maintaining tense throughout their writing and securing their use of proper nouns and pronouns.

### Numeracy

We will continue to work through the "Maths No Problem!" scheme. "Maths No Problem!" has been proven to create understanding at a greater depth and mastery of the subject. This term we will cover:

- Handling data (picture graphs, bar graphs and line graphs)
- Fractions
- Time
- Decimals
- Money

### Science

In Science we will be studying 'Electricity', in particular the importance of being safe around electricity including household appliances. We will be building circuits, drawing circuits and investigating conductors and insulators.



### ICT

In ICT, the children will learn how to create PowerPoint slideshows which are fully animated and incorporate pictures and sound. They will also be using 'Code Studio' and other apps to develop their knowledge of computer coding and programming. ICT will also be used to enhance learning across the curriculum - to create graphs in Science, for topic research as well as to aid and encourage reading.

### Geography/History

The children will map Egypt on a world map and locate areas of interest and historical importance on maps of the country itself. They will look at the importance of the River Nile and the physical and human features that have developed around it. They will learn about life in ancient Egypt including the time line, farming, beliefs and social structure. The children will also consider modern Egypt, the main industries and the challenges faced there.

## **P.E. and Games**

This term the children will further develop their skills related to invasion games.

## **Art**

The children will develop their artistic skills through the study of Ancient Egyptian tomb paintings. In particular they will look at the use of hieroglyphs and figures in tomb paintings and create their own cartouches. They will create and decorate 3D shabti dolls. They will study the process of making their own print blocks and will create a printed textile piece linked to our topic.

## **DT**

In DT we will be developing the children's sewing skills as they will design and make an Egyptian themed wallet or purse and then evaluate its effectiveness for the job of containing money.

## **Music**

As part of our partnership with Edsential Music Service, we will continue to provide the children with the 'First Access' brass and music lessons. These lessons will continue until the end of the Spring Term, when there will be a Y4 concert which you will be invited to attend.

During the summer term, your child will have the opportunity to continue to play a brass instrument. These lessons will still be taught by Miss Laird, but in a small group, for which there will be a charge. We will send details of these arrangements nearer the time.

## **R.E.**

In R.E. the children will look at Christianity and the Bible as well as Islam.

## **MFL**

This term, the children will learn French, through a variety of language games and activities.

**We hope that you find this information useful. The theme maps, showing the links to the different aspects of the curriculum are available on the school website and displayed in the conservatory.**

**Yours sincerely,**

**Miss McNee and Miss Brown**

## **Year 4 Events**

<b>Spring Term:</b>
<b>Charity Week</b> - 28 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>World Museum Trip</b> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>4M swimming week</b> - 4 <sup>th</sup> March <b>4B swimming week</b> - 12 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Parent's Evening</b> - 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Egyptian Day</b> - children can dress as an Egyptian -25 <sup>th</sup> March