

Year 4 Autumn Newsletter



Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your children have had a lovely break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

The Year 4 team consists of Miss Cunnington, Mrs Thetford (4CT), Mr Barnbrook (4B) and Mrs Styles (4S) and Mr Francis, who will provide PPA cover in 4B and 4S. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Martin, Mrs Milner, Mrs Cole, Miss Matthews, Mrs Williams, Mrs Wade, Mrs Collins, Mrs Parsons and Mr McShane.

Our aim is to help every child grow into a confident, independent and enthusiastic learner. We know that school life can be busy and demanding, so getting enough rest is really important in helping children feel happy, settled and ready to learn. We encourage all children to have a good bedtime routine and plenty of sleep.

We want our children to feel safe and supported at school. If your child has any worries or concerns, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher. We are always happy to listen and help.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child at any point during the year, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to talk and work together to support your child.

What We Are Learning

Maths: Our focus for this term will be Number & Place Value followed by Addition & Subtraction.

English: This half term the children will be engaging in our new 'Grammarsaurus', The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar Scheme to improve their punctuation and grammar skills.

Science: Our science topic for the first half term is 'States of Matter'. Within this topic the children will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. After October half term, our topic is 'Animals including Humans'. Within this topic the children will study the human digestive system, teeth in humans and construct a variety of food chains.

Topic: Our topic for this term is the 'Ancient Egyptians'. Within this topic, the children will learn when events from Ancient Egypt took place, the importance of the River Nile and understand what life was like as an Ancient Egyptian. The children will take part in an Egyptian day on **Friday 18th September** where they will take part in Egyptian activities and, if they choose, dress up as Ancient Egyptians. During this Egyptian day the 'Theatre Workshop' will be coming into school. At some point during the day the children will take part in a workshop where they will meet an archaeologist and an Ancient Egyptian priest. They will also be encouraged to participate in some acting and answering questions.

DT: Within DT this term, the children will be exploring mechanical systems by building and testing prototype cars to identify effective design features.

PSHE: This year to comply with the new statutory DfE RSHE guidance, we will be introducing a new scheme to teach PHSE called Jigsaw. We are starting the new year with 'Being Me in my World' within this section the children will answer the question "Who am I and how do I fit in?". In the second half for the term, the children will look at 'Celebrating Difference' and study respect for similarity and difference, anti-bullying and being unique.

PE: The children will be learning tag rugby where they will learn to handle a rugby ball with confidence and evade attackers using footwork and body control.

French: After revising some key concepts, children will then move on to learning vocabulary for the seasons and vegetables.

RE: Our R.E question for this term is, 'What do Hindus believe God is like?'

Computing: The focus in computing this term will be based around E-safety - teaching pupils how to stay safe online. We will also explore using Microsoft PowerPoint.

Music: Throughout the year the children will be learning to play the recorder. Each half term, they will learn a new note starting in the autumn with B.



Curriculum Enrichment

This term we are studying the Ancient Egyptians. As a 'WOW' experience we have invited the Theatre Workshop into School to put on a performance and a workshop. These will take place on **Friday 18th September 2026**. During the workshop, the pupils will get the chance to meet the world-famous Egyptologist Trimbald. He talks about life in ancient times and mummifies one of the pupils and acts out the daily life of a priest. Clarence Trimbald tells the story of the uncovering of Tutankhamen's Tomb & the pupils get the chance to meet an Ancient Egyptian tomb robber. It's a non-stop, packed session, with the pupils acting out various roles and learning so much about Ancient Egyptian history. Using drama, freeze-frame, and role-play the children will be encouraged to interact with the performer and recreate some of the scenes. The children will also enjoy other themed activities in the classroom with their teachers which we hope will be fun and exciting. On this day, children have the option to 'dress up' – the theme is Ancient Egypt.

Parental Engagement

Friday 20th November - Times tables – a fun, informative session including lots of games for the children.

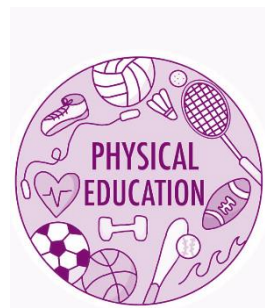
Homework:

Please encourage your child to read at home at least three times a week and practise their multiplication tables and spellings regularly. We also encourage all children to complete the termly topic project, which provides a valuable opportunity to extend their learning at home.

PE

4CT - Wednesday

4B & 4S - Friday



New PE Procedure: *From now on, children must come to school wearing their PE kit on their designated PE day(s). This will help maximise learning time and ensure children are ready to take part in their PE lessons.*

Healthy Eating:

Just a gentle reminder that we are a healthy eating school. Children should bring a healthy snack for breaktime and only water is permitted in the classroom. Thank you for your support in promoting healthy habits.



Dates for your diary:

Friday 18th September - Egyptian day

TBC -Parents' evening

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Friday 23rd October - Non-uniform day in exchange for £1 or a bingo prize

Week beginning 26th October - half term

Friday 23rd October – Non-school uniform day

HALF TERM

Friday 20th November - Parental engagement - Timetables

Week beginning 23rd November - 1st Swimming group

Week Beginning 30th November - 2nd Swimming group

Thursday 17th December – Year 4, 5 and 6 Winter Crafts afternoon 2.15pm
(parents/carers invited)

Forest School

4CT – Thursday 17th September

Friday 25th September

Tuesday 3rd November

Tuesday 10th November

4B – Wednesday 16th September

Wednesday 22nd September

4S – Tuesday 13th October

Tuesday 20th October