



Highlights from last term ...



Tropical Inc



Malvern Theatre



Queenswood

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: This term the children will explore **fantasy stories** and will be given the opportunity to write their very own fantasy story. They will also be exploring the features of **non-chronological reports** and will write a non-chronological report on everything they have learnt about the Egyptians.

Maths: In mathematics this term we will be focusing on '**Multiplication and Division**', '**Area**', '**Fractions**' and '**Decimals**'.

Science: Our science topics for this term are '**Living Things and their Habitats**' and '**Electricity**'.

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 also design and make their own Egyptian burial masks and Egyptian musical instruments.

R.E: Our RE question for this term is '**Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?**'

French: The children will complete 30 minutes of French a week focusing on a wide range of different topics.

Computing: In computing this term, the children will be focusing on '**Coding**'.

Special Events

Egyptian Day

On **Thursday 24th January**, year 4 pupils will enjoy a fun filled, Egyptian themed day! The children will meet up with Aesop's dotty professor and her faithful companion on the banks of the Nile. They will enjoy the thrills and spills as they venture into ancient Egypt and stagger upon the secrets of the pyramids. Not only that, but the children will also enjoy a performance based on life as an Egyptian!



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz Performance

On **Tuesday 29th January**, the children will have the opportunity to watch a wonderful production of 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' – kindly paid for by the PTA. The children will join Dorothy as she embarks on a magical voyage from dreary Kansas to the land of Oz. Along the way she makes friends with an assortment of colourful characters and does battle with the Wicked Witch of the West and her Winged Monkey, Keith!



Bodenham Lake

On **Wednesday 13th February/Thursday 14th February**, year 4 pupils will be going to Bodenham Lake. This trip will link in with our science topic, 'Living Things and their Habitat'. At the lake, the children will have the opportunity to use binoculars in the bird hide to play bird bingo, study life in the lake and play food chain games as well as making something to take away e.g. a bird feeder.

Midlands Air Ambulance

On **Thursday 28th March**, the Midlands Air Ambulance are coming into Leominster Primary School to speak to year 4 pupils about the work they do. They will also be bringing along their POD. This is a decommissioned helicopter once used - the children can sit inside and learn all about their work.



Parental Engagement

On **Wednesday 3rd April @ 2.15pm**, we would like to invite parents, family and friends in for a maths themed Easter egg hunt.

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they have the proper games kit in school at all times. Children being excused from physical education for a medical reason should bring a note.



Swimming lessons for year 4 pupils will begin on **Tuesday 29th January** - further details and additional dates to follow.



If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!** It is also important that school has a copy of their care plan too – thank you for your co-operation.



As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should only bring in fruit to eat at break times. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



Homework

Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home, recording reading comments in their reading journals regularly. Children should read their banded books Monday to Thursday then they can read a book of their choice over the weekend. It is also vitally important that you support your children with any spellings or multiplication tables they may need to learn. Please ask your children if they have any homework and give them every encouragement to do it – we greatly value your support in this area.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Thursday 24 th January	Aesop's Theatre Company – Egyptian Day
Tuesday 29 th January	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz performance
Tuesday 29 th January Tuesday 5 th February Tuesday 12 th February	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 13 th February	4B and 4S trip to Bodenham Lake
Thursday 14 th February	4C trip to Bodenham Lake
Half Term	
Tuesday 26 th February Tuesday 5 th March Tuesday 12 th March Tuesday 19 th March Tuesday 26 th March	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents' Evening (3.30 pm – 5 pm)
Thursday 28 th March	Parents' Evening (4pm – 7pm)
Thursday 28 th March	Air Ambulance Workshop
Wednesday 3 rd April	Parental Engagement (maths) – Parents, family and friends invited @ 2.15pm.
Wednesday 10 th April	Year 4 Easter Concert @ 2pm.

Yours sincerely
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