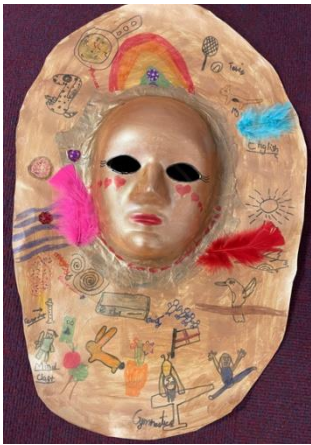




Highlights from last term ...



Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their Egyptian topic!

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: This term the children will be writing a factual tour of water around the school and then we will focus on the Write stuff unit '**Charlie and the Chocolate factory**'.

Maths: In mathematics this term we will be focusing on: **Fractions, Decimals, Money, Time** and **Position and Direction**.

Science: Our science topics for this term are '**Electricity**' and '**Sound**'.

Topic: Our topic question for this term is '**What was it like to be a Maya?**' Within this topic, the children will explore where and when the remains of the Maya ruins were discovered; find out about how the Mayan civilisation developed over time; find out about everyday life for the Maya people and explore Maya writing and calendars.

DT: Our DT project this term will link with our science topic, '**Electricity**'. The children will be designing, making and evaluating their very own **torches**.

PSHE: In PSHE, we will be discussing **Money** and **Human rights**. The children will learn about what money is, how we manage money as a society and how to make money and become entrepreneurs. We will look at the human rights within the wider world and why we have rules and laws. We will also learn about diversity and stereotypes, and recognise that human rights protect everyone.

R.E: Our R.E question for the first half of the summer term is: '**When Jesus left what was the impact of Pentecost?**' In the second half of the term our question is: '**Why do some people think that life is like a journey and what significant events mark this?**'

Computing: This term the children will learn about coding. They will have the opportunity to create a simple program and learn how to de-bug independently.

Music: The children will continue to learn the recorder introducing the notes E & D.

Special Events

Military Activity Days (MAD) Experience

Monday 18th July

The children will compete in various military style team building sessions and learn about positivity and a “can do” attitude. They will need to come in wearing their PE kit and bring a packed lunch/order a packed lunch from school as if the weather is good we will eat our lunch on the field.

Year 4 Government Multiplication Test

The children will complete a times table check on ipads during June. They will answer 25 questions that cover all times tables up to 12 X 12 with 6 seconds to answer each question. Please encourage the children to continue to practise these using Times Table Rock Stars, Purple Mash or any online games.



Queen's Platinum Celebration Day

We are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 26th May. Children may come to school on this day in red, white and blue, or even some royal attire if they wish.



Sports Day

It's that time of year again when the sun is shining (hopefully) and the children take part in a selection of sporting events. Sports Day for years 3 and 4 will take place on **Thursday 30th June @ 9.30am** and we'd love for you to come and join in with the fun!

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they wear the proper games and PE kit – year 4 have PE/games on:

4C – Tuesday /Thursday

4NP – Monday /Friday

4S – Monday/Thursday

Children being excused from physical education for a medical reason should bring a note.



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 have 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.



We would also like to remind you that as the weather gets warmer (hopefully!) children come prepared with sun hats and sun cream applied before school if necessary. Children will have to apply cream independently if needed again throughout the day.

Parental Engagement

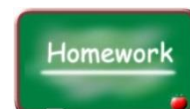
Who's the smartest scientist?

Can you outsmart your 9-year-old child?

Come and join us for a fun science quiz and have a go at some of our science experiments.

(more details to follow)

Homework



Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home - recording reading comments in their reading journals regularly (parent comments/signature at least three times a week please). Children should read their accelerated reading book as much as possible but can also read other books that they enjoy if they wish to do so. It is also vitally important that you support your children with any spellings or times tables they may need to learn. Each half term we will also set a task around our current topic. 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 26 th May	Queen's Platinum Celebration Day
Half Term	
Week beginning Monday 6 th June	Multiplication Check
Thursday 30 th June (9:30am)	Sports Day
Friday 8 th July	LPS Carnival Parade Day
Monday 18 th July	MAD activity day
Forest School Dates	
Thursday 12 th May	4C Forest School (1)
Thursday 19 th May	4C Forest School (2)
Monday 23 rd May	4NP Forest School (1)
Monday 6 th June	4NP Forest School (2)
Friday 31 st June	4S Forest School (1)
Thursday 7 th July	4S Forest School (2)

Yours sincerely:

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