



Primary 4

Term 3 Newsletter



Hello everyone and happy new year! I would like to wish you and your family all the best for 2023. We have had a very positive start to Term 3, and the children have settled back quickly into routine.

Handle with Care

If your child is experiencing difficulty at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that details are not always to be shared and that is OK. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend please pass on a note saying "Handle with Care" with your child in the morning. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience and help during the day.

Topic

This Term our class topic is 'Ancient Egypt'. We will be learning to compare aspects of people's daily lives in the past with our own by using historical evidence. This will include lessons on the following:

- Who were the Ancient Egyptians?
- Why was Ancient Egypt the 'Gift of the Nile?'
- Who were the Ancient Egyptian pharaohs?
- Why did the Ancient Egyptians build the pyramids?
- What did the Ancient Egyptians do for fun?
- What was mummification in Ancient Egypt?
- Who were the Ancient Egyptian gods?
- What did Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics mean?
- What was discovered inside Tutankhamun's tomb?
- Who was Cleopatra and how is she remembered?



If any parents or family members have significant knowledge of life in Ancient Egypt, then please get in touch!

Literacy

This Term we will be focusing on Personal and Functional Writing. We will be learning to convey information, describe events or processes, share opinions, and persuade readers in different ways. When writing about personal experiences we will learn to write in chronological order, using appropriate vocabulary to describe our thoughts and feelings.

New Spelling rules will continue to be taught every **Monday** with words being sent home with the children on the **same day**. Please encourage your child to practise their spelling words in their jotter as often as possible.



Reading books have now been sent home with the children and you will find a note of your child's homework in their Reading Record. Please sign this weekly so that I know your child has been practising. In class we will be doing a variety of activities based on your child's reading book, so it is important that they keep up to date with the story.

Numeracy

In Number, we will continue to learn strategies that help us with our times tables. Practising at home would also help with your child's confidence in recalling their table facts. Here are some suggested online games that can support your child in Multiplication/Division:



www.sumdog.com

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

We will be developing our knowledge of Money with a focus on:

- Identifying and using all coins and notes to £20 and explores different ways of making the same total.
- Recording amounts accurately in different ways using the correct notation, for example, 149p = £1.49 and 7p = £0.07.
- Using a variety of coin and note combinations, to pay for items and give change within £20.

We will also be furthering our understanding of Fractions. This will include:

- Explaining what a fraction is using concrete materials, pictorial representations, and appropriate mathematical vocabulary.
- Using the correct notation for common fractions to tenths
- Uses pictorial representations and other models to demonstrate understanding of simple equivalent fractions
- Explains the role of the numerator and denominator.

Other Curricular Areas

Mrs Flockton will take the class for British Sign Language every Tuesday and French will be delivered by Ms Rees on a Wednesday. I will be taking both P.E sessions this Term on a Monday and Friday. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for P.E.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the office and arrange a telephone meeting.

Kind regards,

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