

Year Four Autumn Newsletter – *Tomb Raiders*



Dear Parents and Carers,

First and foremost, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you to a brand new academic year and I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with the new Year Four children. During the course of this week, I have been getting to know the class better and am looking forward to learning more about each and every one of my new pupils as the year progresses.

Our Learning

Our autumn term topic this year will be **Tomb Raiders**. As historians we will be studying the past society of Ancient Egypt and we will be learning all about the Pharaohs, pyramids, hieroglyphics and mummies. In addition to this, in order to support the children's learning we shall also be visiting the **British Museum** - TBC.

As **Geographers** we will be exploring the environs of Egypt, describing the country and its physiological features using geographical vocabulary.

During **English** this term we will be studying the story of Isis and Osiris, newspaper reports, poetry, and the story of Tutankhamen's tomb the children will also be writing instructions. We will also be undertaking a variety of grammar and spelling activities in order to hone the children's writing skills.

During **Mathematics** this term we will be studying the following topics: number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, geometry, position and direction, properties of shapes, and measurements and statistics. It is also important that children continue to practise their multiplication tables as they form the foundation of an array of calculations, thus the children will have a differentiated tables test each Monday.

As **Scientists** we will be learning about electricity and animals, including humans.

In **Physical education** we will continue to go swimming on Mondays at Tiller Road Swimming baths whilst PE will be on Tuesday.

In **ICT** we will be exploring the development of software and toy making, we shall also continue to focus upon being safe when using digital media.

Important Reminders

Please remember that we have swimming every Monday and PE on Friday afternoon. Please could you ensure that children have the appropriate kit on these days?

Our Class assembly will be on Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 3:00pm, Year 4 parents and carers are very welcome.

Finally, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting to talk to any of us to answer any further questions. We are normally in the playground at least ten minutes before the bell in the morning, but if you would like a longer conversation then do come and see me at the end of the day or you may arrange an appointment at the office.

Yours sincerely,
Year 4 Team

As **Artists and Designers** the children will be exploring collage, colour and pattern, as well as designing and making an Ancient Egyptian death mask.

In **Religious Education** we will be exploring our beliefs through the topic, Faith in Action.

Home Learning

Reading at home with an adult regularly can really assist with raising the reading level of a child. Thus, finding ten quality minutes a day to read and talk about texts would be extremely beneficial.

There will be a differentiated times tables test on Monday mornings, whilst spellings will be handed out on a Monday for a test on Friday.

If you would like to support your child's home learning then here are some possible activities and websites linked to our topic.

Suggestions for project work:

- British museum (website)
- Write names in hieroglyphics.
- Make a model pyramid previous ones have been made out of card and also sugar cubes, Bisto cubes and even rice!
- Visit the local library to find out more about the Ancient Egyptians, creating a fact file.
- Learn from websites such as the BBC, Topmarks website.