



## Key Dates

**Meet the teacher meeting**—Wednesday  
14th September 4pm

**Tuesday 18th October** -  
Trip to British Museum  
(details to follow)

**Friday 21st October**—  
INSET day

**Monday 24th October -  
Friday 28th October**  
Half term

**Monday 31st  
October**  
INSET day

**Thursday 3rd November**—  
4B open morning

**Friday 4th November**—4S  
open morning

**Friday 16th December**—  
term finishes at 1.15pm

## Visits

(approximate costs)

**British Museum**  
£ 16

**Indian Dance work-  
shop**  
£ 8

**Fairthorne activity day**  
(summer term)  
£ 50



# Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for a fabulous year ahead.

We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you for this year and are excited to be working with such an enthusiastic and hard working group of children.

In the termly newsletter, we aim to give you a brief overview of what we will be learning over this term, so that you can support your child at home.

## English

During the first part of the autumn term, our English units of work will include portal stories, instructions and biographies and these will be linked to our topic, Ancient Egyptians.

Our first English unit is portal stories and will involve the children creating short narratives based on the animation Tadeo Jones, a popular children's cartoon. Then we will move on to writing instructions on how to mummify a Pharaoh. Disgusting but guaranteed to engage the children!

In biographies, we will be studying the lives of different famous people and creating flow diagrams of their life events. The outcome of this unit of work will be a biography or autobiography of Howard Carter.

After half term, we will be writing adventure stories and poetry as part of our India Topic.

The children will read the Jungle Book and Cloud Tea Monkeys and learn about writing adventure stories. The outcome will be to create a class book for our school library.

We will also have daily whole class guided reading sessions which will include reading and responding to texts, making predictions and deductions and evaluating the text.

Our first text is 'So you think you've got it bad — Ancient Egypt' a book about life as a child during Ancient Egyptian times. We will then be reading Secrets of a Sun King, Into the Jungle and Cinnamon; books based around our topics of Ancient Egypt and India.

## A reminder....

Please ensure your child has their water bottle,  
reading diary and reading book in school each day.

Thank you!

# Maths

In the autumn term, our units will include:

**Place Value: Counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers** to at least 9,999, counting forwards and backwards in steps of different sizes, calculating and solving problems using addition and subtraction, rounding numbers to the nearest whole number, 10, 100 or 1000.

**Addition and subtraction** :working towards using formal methods.

**Tables facts**- knowing all tables facts to 12 x 12 from memory and using these to work out division facts e.g. if  $7 \times 8 = 56$ , then  $56 \div 8 = 7$ .

**Area**—Measuring the area by counting squares.

**Multiplication and division** - using formal methods of multiplication and division to multiply by one-digit numbers.

## Topic



### Tomb Raiders

We will be learning about the Egyptians, beginning with the discoveries of Howard Carter. Children will learn about the amazing discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and will look at a range of historical evidence which gives us information about what life was like at the time. Children will also learn about the Valley of the Kings and important Pharaohs. In art we will be looking at African artist John Muafangejo and creating our own animal prints. In music, children will be creating their own Egyptian chants.

### The Colours of India

During the second half of term, the children will be working on a geography unit about India. We will be studying the culture, religions and physical geography of the country as well as taking part in an Indian dance and creating art work inspired by artist Ratish Sharma. In DT children will be designing and making their own card using levers and linkages. In music, children will be creating Indian music using drones, rhythms and melodies.

**Science** – Our science topic will be States of Matter and will involve investigating solids, liquids and gases. The children will also learn about the water cycle and investigate the processes of evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

**Computing** – This term, the children will start learning about programming using Scratch and then move onto Logo to learn about creating mathematical patterns.

**PSHE**— Democracy and Drug, alcohol and tobacco education

## PE

**Outdoor games**— The children will be developing their skills in football and netball.

**PE**— Gymnastics this half term will focus on shape and balance. In Autumn 2, the children will learn about and perform an Indian dance.

**PE/Games days**—Mondays (Games) and Wednesdays (Indoor)