



## Key Dates

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> and Thurs  
22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
Parent Interviews

**Tues 20th October**  
School Cross Country

**Fri 23rd October**  
INSET day

**Mon 26th October to  
Fri 30th October**  
Half term

**Tues 2nd November**  
INSET day

**Tues 3rd November**  
Pumpkin Walk  
(School day)

**Tues 17th November**  
Year 3/4 Football  
Competition

**Friday 18th December**  
1.15pm  
End of term



# Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

Welcome to Year 4.

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.

## 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, the children will start with a five week assessment unit, where they will revise and recap learning from the previous year as well as use problem solving to support and challenge their thinking. Other units will include:

**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  $56 \div 8 = 7$ .

**Length and perimeter** - measuring rectilinear shapes

**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. This is primarily a history unit, but other topic work will include art work based on the River Nile and music work on 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 Rangoli patterns.

**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.

## 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**– **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** for 4B and 4S

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Mrs Smallwood or Mr Brewster**

