



Year Four News letter: Spring 2 – 2025

Murder, Mystery & Mummification – Tutankhamun



Welcome to the spring 2 half term

Welcome back. We hope you had a fantastic, fun-filled break and you are ready for another exciting and busy half term. Our next themes will offer lots of stimulating and interesting learning opportunities and we hope the children are going to enjoy and embrace every moment. We also have World Book Day when we ask the students to dress up as a book character. We cannot wait to see all their costumes and learn about their favourite characters. Our parent consultations will take place in March and we look forward to sharing the children's learning with you then.

Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:
<p>This half term, we will continue to explore the fascinating Ancient Egyptians and the famous boy pharaoh, Tutankhamun. We hope to create a paper collage of Tutankhamun's death mask, explore the technique of mummification and delve into the world of the many Ancient Egyptian Gods.</p>	<p>Monday 3rd March- Times Table parent session. Thursday 6th March- World Book Day & Learning Logs due. TBC - Visit to Salts Mill to see the David Hockney exhibition. Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March- Parent Consultations.</p>	
Homework	Learning Log	
<p>A maths or English and spellings homework will continue to be sent home weekly, every Thursday. We would appreciate any help you could give your child in becoming confident and fluent in their maths and spelling targets. In addition, please could you encourage your child to practise their times tables either verbally or by using TT Rockstars online. The children will be reading in class every day, however, we would appreciate it if you could listen to your child read at home too.</p>	<p>This term's learning log should be returned to school by Thursday 6th March, please. Children are encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our Ancient Egyptian Topic. We then hope to showcase their achievements and allow all children the time to share their work. Photos can be emailed.</p>	
	PE Days	
	<p>Tuesday Indoor- Athletics Wednesday Outdoor - with coach Ashley Please continue to come to school in your PE kit on these days. Remember school colours (no football shirts) and warm kit for outdoor PE, All children need to have appropriate footwear on and all long hair to be tied back or bring a bobble to school. Thank you!</p>	
Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
<p>In English, we will be writing our own poems based on <i>The River</i> by Valerie Bloom. We will then be exploring mummification and creating our own instructional literature.</p>	<p>In maths, our half term focus will be carrying on our work with perimeter then focusing on fractions and decimals. We will explore equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting, calculating fractions of a quantity and problem solving. We will then move onto decimals and look at tenths and hundredths as decimals and also divide digits by 10 and 100. We will be mastering all of our times tables, up to 12 x 12, in preparation for our times table check.</p>	<p>Our science unit this half term will be exploring sound. We will focus on how sound is made and travels. The children will also explore how we can change the pitch and volume of sound and apply their findings to create their own musical instruments.</p>



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Art	History & Geography	Computing
In art we will be focusing on our class topic - Ancient Egypt. We will focus on landscape paintings of pyramids and tombs using Howard Carter's/David Hockney paintings as inspiration.	In history, we will continue to explore the importance of <i>The River</i> , their achievements, daily life and the rise and fall of civilisation. We will also explore the art of mummification and discover why it was so important to the Ancient Egyptians.	In computing this half term we are learning all about how the internet operates using different systems and networks.
Other:		Year Four Team
The children will continue with French on Friday mornings. In RE we will be looking at Jewish beliefs and practices, focusing on stories and how they support the Jewish community.		Earhart Class – Miss Toner, Mr Hutchinson Fiennes Class- Mrs Liddle, Mrs Aiman Mrs Wilson - HLTA
<p><u>The Big Oracy Question!</u></p> <p>How did Tutankhamun die?</p>		