

Year Four Newsletter: Spring 1 – 2024

Murder, Mystery & Mummification – Tutankhamun: The Boy Pharaoh



Welcome to the spring 1 half term

Welcome back. We hope you had a fantastic, festive break and you are ready for an exciting and busy spring half term. This half term's theme offers lots of stimulating and interesting things to learn about and we are sure the children are going to enjoy and embrace every aspect of the half term ahead.

This half term, we should complete learning all the times tables. Any additional practice that can be completed at home will really help your child become fluent in these important number facts.

Our Learning Theme

This half term our fascinating Murder, Mystery & Mummification topic is based on the Ancient Egyptians and the famous boy pharaoh, Tutankhamun. To provide the children with an insight into life during this period, the children will take part in an exciting workshop delivered by Leeds City Museum.

Important Dates:

Leeds city museum visit (TBC)
Swimming beginning - 8.1.24

Homework

Maths and spelling homework will be handed out on Friday 5th January. 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.

Learning Log

A Learning Log activity will be sent home on **Monday 8th January** for your child to complete over this term. This term's learning log should be returned to school by **Friday 24th March**. Children are encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our Ancient Egypt theme.

PE

As you are aware, children will be partaking in an intensive swimming course. Children will need to bring a towel and appropriate swimming attire. Goggles and swim caps are optional. Please see Mr Whitehead's letter for further details.

Curriculum

English

In English we will be exploring the narrative of the *Secrets of a Sun King*. We will then write a letter in the role of Howard Carter informing people back home of his fascinating discoveries.

Maths

In maths our half term focus is multiplying and dividing. We will be mastering our 9, 11 and 12 times tables, multiplying 2 and 3 digits by a 1 digit number, exploring factor pairs and efficient multiplication. We will delve into the world of measurement and area, finishing the half term looking at fractions and decimals.

Science

In our science unit we will look at states of matter - solids, liquids and gases. We will compare them and experiment with temperature looking at boiling, freezing and melting.

Art

In art, we will be studying and appraising the fascinating paintings of the well known archaeologist, Howard Carter. We will be using similar techniques to recreate some of his most famous works.

History & Geography

In history we will be exploring the location in time of the ancient Egyptians, their achievements, daily life, and the rise and fall of the civilisation. We will discover the importance of the river Nile in the founding and expansion of this amazing ancient civilisation.

Computing

In computing the children will be developing their data handling skills. Children will collect, analyse, evaluate and present data and information using a variety of applications on a range of digital devices.

Other:

The children will have alternate Friday afternoons of French and music. In RE we will asking 'Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?'. In PHSE we will be looking at how to stay safe and how to take safe risks.

Year Four Team

Earhart Class – Mr Hurtault, Miss Hodgson
Fiennes Class - Miss Walton, Miss Page, Miss Sayers and Mrs Wilson.

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