



# Year Four News letter: Spring 2 – 2024

## 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 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. We have plenty of important dates in the diary for this half term. These include our whole year group workshop of Ancient Egyptians from those at Leeds City museum. 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

This half term, we will continue to explore the fascinating Ancient Egyptians and the famous boy pharaoh, Tutankhamun. We will look at Howard Carter and his incredible discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We will explore the technique of mummification and delve into the world of the many Egyptian Gods. To provide the children with an insight into life during this period, the children will take part in an interesting workshop delivered by the fantastic education team from Leeds City Museum.

### Important Dates:

Thursday 7th March- **World Book Day.**  
Thursday 14th March - **Egyptian Workshop.**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- **Red Nose Day.**  
Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March- **Parent Consultations.**

### Homework

Maths and spelling homework will continue to be sent home weekly in the form of a Learn by Heart Target (the first one for this half term will be sent home on **Friday 23rd February**). 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

Children can continue with their ongoing learning logs this half term. The learning log should be returned to school by **Monday 18th March**. Children are encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our Ancient Egyptian Topic.

### PE Days

**Wednesday Outdoor** - Attacking and Defending  
**Thursday indoor** - Dance  
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, thank you.

### Curriculum

#### English

In English, we will start by looking at *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, which we will use to create our own independent narrative. We will write a letter home as Howard Carter explaining his incredible discovery. We will then start writing our own poems based on *The River* by Valerie Bloom.

#### Maths

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.

#### Science

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.



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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 watercolour paintings as inspiration. We will also be creating our own ancient Egyptian jewellery and death mask.	In history, we will continue to explore the location in time of the ancient Egyptians, their achievements, daily life and the rise and fall of civilisation. We will study Howard Carter and his incredible discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We will also explore the art of mummification and discover why it was so important to the Ancient Egyptians.	We will continue with data handling. Children will learn to change elements of a spreadsheet and understand effects on other calculations. They will then move onto digital literacy to understand how to locate, using advanced search features, relevant and accurate content online.
Other:		Year Four Team
The children will continue with music on alternate Friday afternoons. In RE we will be looking at Muslim beliefs and practices, including the belief in Allah and the importance of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).		Earhart Class – Mr Hurtault and Miss Hodgson Fiennes Class- Miss Page, Miss Walton, Miss Sayers and Mrs Wilson.
<div>The Big Oracy Question!</div> <div>Why was Howard Carter's discovery so important?</div>		