



Year Four Newsletter: Spring 1 – 2025

Murder, Mystery & Mummification



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.

Like last term, any additional times tables practise that can be completed at home will really help your child become fluent in these important number facts.

PLEASE CAN WE KINDLY ASK THAT ALL CHILDREN BRING A WATER BOTTLE IN EVERYDAY, THANK YOU.

Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:
<p>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. Our guided questions are who were the Egyptians and when did they live and what are rivers and how are they used?</p>		<p>Leeds City Museum visit - 15.1.25 (Earhart) and 24.1.25 (Fiennes) NSPCC Number Day- Friday 7th February School closes- Friday 14th February School opens- Monday 24th February</p>
Homework	Learning Log	
<p>A piece of maths or English work and spelling homework will continue to be handed out, and collected, each Thursday. Spelling tests will continue to be completed on Fridays. We would appreciate any help you could give your child with their homework, whilst encouraging frequent reading. In addition, please could you encourage your child to practise their times tables either verbally, by playing games or by using TT Rockstars online.</p>	<p>A Learning Log activity will be sent home over the next few weeks for your child to complete over this Spring Term. Children are encouraged to follow their own line of enquiry linked to our Ancient Egypt theme.</p>	
	PE	
<p>Please can our school PE uniform be worn on the following days: Tuesdays- Indoor PE with a focus on dance with an Ancient Egyptian theme. Wednesdays- Outdoor PE with coach Ashley.</p>		
Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
<p>In English, we will be studying <i>Secrets of a Sun King</i> whilst writing diary entries and letters. We will also develop our setting descriptions with a focus on Ancient Egyptian tombs.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>In our science unit we will look at Sound - Children will learn all about how sound is created and received. We will be exploring volume and pitch and will be investigating, experimenting and evaluating levels of volume.</p>
Art	History & Geography	Computing
<p>We will be taking inspiration from Howard Carter's tomb painting to create individual and collaborative tomb paintings.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
Other:	SPS University	Year Four Team
<p>In French the children will be consolidating their number knowledge and exploring new vocabulary involving family members. In RE we will be 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.</p>	<p>This half term: Y4A Coding Miss Brett Y4B Skateboarding Young Voices</p>	<p>Earhart Class – Miss Toner, Mr Hutchinson Fiennes Class - Mrs Liddle (Mon-Thurs), Mrs Wilson (Fri am) and Miss Hodgson (Fri pm) and Miss Aiman</p>
<p>Please feel free to contact us using the office@saltaireps.co.uk email.</p>		