

# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2018

Welcome back to school, I hope you have had a lovely Easter break and I look forward to continue teaching your children in the upcoming summer term.

## English

This term our English works shall directly link to different texts. During Summer 1 we shall be studying 'Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo, to link in with history. After half term we shall read and focus upon 'The Pied Piper' by Michael Morpurgo.

Our class novel shall be The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.



## How to help your child in English.

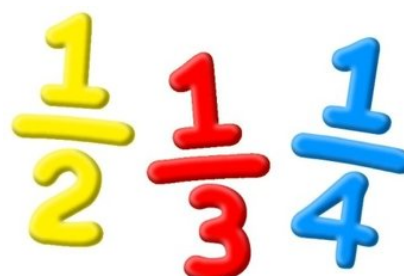
Ensure your child is reading daily. If they choose to read independently, ask them questions about what they have just read, to ensure they have understanding of the text. This is just as important as the reading itself.

Practise spellings, at parents evening you were all given a copy of year 3 and 4 spelling words. Please practise these with you child, place them into context in a sentence. If you need another copy, please pop in to see me.

## Maths

In maths we will be continuing to consolidate our place value knowledge. We will also be working with and building upon our use of negative numbers.

We shall be having a big push on fractions and becoming even more confident at using them effectively.



## How to help your child in Maths

By the end of year 4 your child needs to know and be confident at all their times tables to 12x12. Please practise times tables regularly with your child, whether this maybe during a car journey or whilst they are washing up.

Your child should be confident at recognising key fraction and decimal equivalents.

$$\frac{1}{2} = 0.5 \quad \frac{1}{4} = 0.25 \quad \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$$

$$1/10 = 0.1 \quad 1/100 = 0.01$$

Keep practising these to ensure they are confident at recognising them.

## Science

Our science topics are Electricity and Sound. Here we will learn all about electric circuits, and even make some of our own circuits. In sound we will be investigating how we hear.



## Topic - History, Computing, Art

Our history topic this half term is all about the Ancient Egypt. We shall be looking into the life of an Ancient Egyptian and the

impact they had on the rest of the world.

We plan to link our history topic into our Art lessons where we will be refining our drawing skills.

Our computing topic is Images, film and animation and we plan to link that into our topic and create a story board about Ancient Egypt.

## PSHE

In PSHE our topics are sex and relationships and it's okay to tell. Here we will be discussing when we need to speak to adults, and establishing effective relationships.

## RE

The children will be learning about The Easter Story as betrayal and trust.

## General Notices

PE for this half term will be on Monday, PE kit needs to be in school every day as there may be various clubs and training on different days which requires a kit or trainers.

Swimming will continue until the end of the year, on a Tuesday morning.

Date for your diary: sports day is scheduled to take place on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, weather permitting.

Tonight your child has brought home their summer term homework. As in previous years we have set outdoor challenges please tweet or photograph them completing their task.

*Miss Magrath, Mrs Huddy & Miss Byrne*