

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. We have another busy term ahead.

We have signed up to Times Tables Rock Stars (ttrockstars.com) and your child has been given a login. Please can your child practise their times tables as much as possible. The Year 4 children have their statutory multiplication check in June. They will be given random times tables questions with only six seconds to answer each question. The more practise they have now the more prepared they will be.

Please can children bring back any reading books they may have at home. Your child will be given a new reading book next week and their homework will commence next Friday. Spellings will continue in the yellow homework books and maths will be set on Purple Mash. Children have their login details in their diaries. I will upload spellings to Purple Mash if your child wishes to do the quiz as an addition.

Please see the outline of the curriculum for this half term:

Maths

The children will learn the following objectives:

- Recognise and represent fractions
- Fraction and decimal equivalents
- Add and subtract fractions
- Compare and order fractions
- Problem solving

English

The children will focus on various aspects of English which will be linked to our new novel, There's A Pharaoh in our Bath.

- Instructions
- Playscript
- Letter writing
- Story writing
- Recount

Computing

We will be learning how to present data in different ways including how to create spreadsheets.

Science

The children will continue to learn about sound this half term. We will also be learning why living things are grouped in a variety of ways.

History

We are starting our new topic - The Egyptians. We will be learning why the Ancient Egyptians built pyramids, how Egypt has changed over time, the significant achievements of the Ancient Egyptians and the most important Pharaohs of all time.

Music:

Our theme this term is 'How does music improve our world?'

P.E.

The children will be taking part in Indian dance lessons every **Monday**. An indoor PE kit will be required.

Swimming - The children will commence swimming lessons **every Friday** starting next week (12.1.24). We will be attending Broom Cottages in Ferryhill. **The bus will leave promptly at 9am so please ensure the children are in school on time.** Boys will need swimming shorts and girls will need to wear a full swimming costume. Please also provide your child with a swimming hat, goggles and a towel.

Please ensure children are not wearing any jewellery during their PE sessions.

Spanish

The children will learn about parts of the body as their main topic. They will also learn pronouns and adjectives in Spanish.

Art

We will be making death masks linked to our Egyptian topic. The children will make them using papier-mâché and they will use a variety of paints to decorate them.

PSHE

The children will learn how to keep themselves and others safe. They will take part in discussions and teamwork.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Mowbray



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