

## Year 4 Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Children,

We hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and we are delighted to welcome you back for a fun-packed final term in Year 4. We have lots to enjoy this term.

### English

This term in English our class books are Cinderella of the Nile, a charming update of the 2,000 year old fairy tale and Rumaysa, a modern twist on the Rapunzel story. We will explore how tales are retold through time and different cultures and children will have opportunity to retell these ancient tales orally and in written form.

We will continue with our weekly routine of spelling tests, supported by regular practice in class at least three times weekly. As always, your support in helping your children to learn their spellings and understand the word meanings is appreciated. This enables them to use their extended vocabulary appropriately in sentences.

### Maths

This term we will be focussing on fractions, decimals, time, shape and geometry, as well as recapping the essential skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The summer term will see a focus on quick recall of times tables facts up to 12 x 12, the application of these multiplication facts, and the quick recall of the related division facts. Children will be encouraged to practise these on line and to apply them in lessons. During June, pupils will be taking part in the statutory Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check in which they will be answering 25 random multiplication questions, with a six second time limit per question.

In History, we will be travelling back to Ancient Egypt to learn all about the Egyptians. We will be examining the historical era, looking at timelines, discovering lots about the pyramids, and exploring why the River Nile was so important, as well as learning all about the Egyptian Gods and cracking hieroglyphics.

In Science, we will be learning about animals including humans where we find out about food chains, as well as states of matter. In Design Technology, we will be exploring structures and cooking foods from around the world! In Geography, we will complete a case study on the River Nile and learn how it is as important today as it was in ancient times. In Art, we will explore different painting techniques and find out about the artist Georgia O'Keefe and her famous flower design.

Although we do not currently use reading diaries, regular reading is still of high importance and we still encourage the children to read at least 5 times a week at home. We are currently monitoring this in school through regular quizzing on Accelerated Reader. (We do understand that those children who are reading 'chunkier books' may not be quizzing as frequently as some of their peers.)

Times tables homework will be set on Wednesdays, children are to complete the activity on Purple Mash and are encouraged to practise further on Times Tables Rockstars website.

### PE

PE lessons will continue to take place on Tuesday and Thursday, so remember to come in to school wearing appropriate, school colour PE kit.

This term we will be practising our tennis, rounders and athletics skills.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to helping your child's learning

Mrs Williams ,Mrs Bradley, Mrs Biddulph & Mr Cadwallader