

Dear Parents and Guardians

We hope that you find the following information useful in supporting your child's learning at home and at school. Our topic next term is **Pharaoh's World** based on **Ancient Egypt** and linked to Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology.

We will read a range of information texts to investigate the vast evidence from ancient Egypt, as well as fiction such as 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. Our main class book will be 'Stories from Ancient Egypt' by Joyce Tyldesley.

Promoting British Values -Statutory Requirement

In Year 4 this term, we will be focussing on different areas of British Values.

Tolerance - We will explore the if Jewish people were tolerated in ancient Egypt. They will be taught the importance of respecting their own religion and the religion of others.

Rule of Law - During History, we will investigate the rules the Ancient Egyptians lived by and how their beliefs shaped their everyday lives.

Mutual Respect - During different topics many situations will arise where we will need to play fair and get along with others, remembering to show respect.

Democracy - We will investigate how the Pharaohs ruled over their lands and look at the impact of a heretic pharaoh on the country and the religion of the people.

Individual Liberty - We will investigate the truths and myths of Egyptian slavery and explore how slaves were treated.

Geographers

As Geographers the children will be learning about the climate of Egypt. They will research both physical and human geographical features of ancient Egypt compared to modern Egypt, including the impact of the inundation.

Historians

As Historians we will investigate many areas of the vast topic of ancient Egypt- farming, building, mummies, hieroglyphics, gods and more! We will be investigating the changes to the civilization over the thousands of years between the early Stone Age Egyptians to the Greek Ptolemaic period and then the Roman invasion.

Artists and Design Technologists

As artists and designers, we will be focusing on Egyptian art, architecture and structure. We will be creating our own self-portraits in the style of Nefertiti.



Voting for our school council representative.

Scientists

As Scientists, we will identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. Children will investigate how well travels through different materials sound and discover how instruments make sounds.

We will describe a range of sounds and explain how they are made. We will work scientifically by finding patterns in the sounds that are made by different objects such as saucepan lids of different sizes or elastic bands of different thicknesses. We will investigate making hearing protection from a variety of different materials to investigate which provides the best insulation against sound.



Creating our idea of a human digestive system.

Spiritual Thinkers

This term we will investigate our Deep Question: 'What do different people believe about God?' through investigating how Christmas is celebrated in other countries and link to other winter festivals. We will explain more about celebrations and the rituals which mark important points in life. We will discuss and represent our own views on challenging questions about the significance of certain things. Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights is our assembly focus this term.

Musicians

As Musicians, the children will use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and

rhymes. They will play tuned and un-tuned instruments musically. We will be learning songs linked to the topic to perform in our assembly.

Linguists

As linguist our children will be exploring the patterns and sounds of language through songs and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words. We will read simple stories on the topics of colours, food, counting, and the days of the week.

Health and Fitness

Our focus this half term will be to develop our co-ordination, timing and groove through dance- focusing particularly on Zumba. Strength and stamina are vital to this unit and we will be using circuit training to increase our fitness.

Swimming

As we move into the second term of the year, we must be well on our way to achieving our national curriculum award in swimming. This term we aim to swim 25 meters unaided. The children who have already achieved this goal, will be working on improving their technique with new swimming strokes.

Forth coming events

Synagogue visit – Monday 18 November 2019

Year 4 Egyptian Museum visit - Thursday 21 November 2019

Class Assembly - Friday 13 December 2019

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Pharaoh's World



Rewards

In year 4, we have lots of opportunity to celebrate our successes throughout the day. We have golden time weekly, on a Friday afternoon, where the children can spend some free time in class or outside celebrating their hardworking week. Class points, house points and conduct awards and stickers all provide pupils the opportunity to celebrate their outstanding behaviour and conduct within school.

Class book

Last term we worked together to write our own 'This is 4KH' booklet. The children worked really hard to provide detailed information about our class to welcome anyone, including students and teachers, into our class. The book was designed using Google Suite and has been printed to be on display in the classroom.

Roles and Responsibilities

We will take responsibility of improving our environment by taking care of our classroom and shared area. We have allocated roles of different monitors for example: Chromebook monitors, class monitors, librarians. Responsibilities will be shared by different children each term to ensure every child has a chance to contribute to the class.

Targets, Goals and Progress

Every half term, we discuss the children's targets and goals. It gives them the chance to reflect on what has worked well and the opportunity for them to set personal goals ready for the term ahead.

Personal Achievements

There will be so much to celebrate in Year 4! Many of our children have medals and awards they have achieved outside of school. Please let us know if your child has an achievement they wish to share, or a medal or award to bring in.

Green Community

4KH aims to be a 'Green class'. We are very aware of our plastic use and energy consumption and have monitors in class to turn off lights. As well as this, we have begun saving our old, dry pens to send for recycling, as they cannot be recycled by the council. You can imagine how many plastic pens a class can consume in a term! If you have any old plastic pens at home you want to recycle, please bring them in!

4KH's MISSION STATEMENT

Year 4 KH are going to be the best class in school!
In order to be excellent in our learning, we will be ready to listen and learn.
We promise to use our manners and always try our best.
We will always be respectful to others.
We will be in school on time every day.
Together we will achieve success.
We will always try our hardest, even if obstacles come our way.
In order to learn, we must listen, think and talk to our partners in work whispers.
Our class will come to school in the correct uniform and keep our cloakroom tidy.
This class will be legendary!

Finally...

We very much appreciate and value the support you give your child. Thank you for supporting us in encouraging your child to be an independent learner. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 4 team.