

# Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of our final term. This term we will be focusing on our main topic called 'Ancient Civilisations'. This will be our core theme throughout all of Summer and your children may come home telling you some interesting details about the Egyptians or Ancient Sumer.

## R.E

In RE this term, we will be focusing on discovering more about what kind of world God would want. In this topic we will be learning about how to be a fisher of the people and what qualities and characteristics key leaders, like Vicars, should have.



## English

In English this term, we will continue developing our writing skills using expanded noun phrases, a range of subordinating conjunctions, similes, and metaphors. As we are covering 'Ancient Civilisations', we will be exploring a text called 'Secrets of a Sun King'. We will be using this story to write instructions, formal letters and setting descriptions. We will continue to develop our editing skills further, as children draft and edit their writing, as well as working collaboratively to evaluate their writing style against the genre, we are writing in.

## Maths

In Maths this term, we will be continuing to focus on our multiplication skills up to  $12 \times 12$  as we prepare for the statutory Year 4 times table check. This will take place the week beginning **9<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. Please continue to work on Times tables with children at home and thank you for your continued support with this!

This term, we will also learn about decimals and how they can be converted into fractions, we will also investigate flexibly partitioning decimals. We also revisit money where we will be converting pounds into pence, estimating an amount, and writing cash amounts using decimals.

## PE

We will be having PE on a Monday and Wednesday this term.



Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits (no football shirts/kit will be permitted). Please note that where possible children will participate in PE outside therefore children will need a water bottle, hat and to be wearing suntan lotion as the weather gets warmer.

## Ancient Civilisations

This term we will be studying 'Ancient Civilisations'. This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation. In Science, children will learn about electrical appliances and safety. They will construct simple series circuits and name their parts and functions, including switches, wires and cells. They will also investigate electrical conductors and insulators and identify common features of conductors. In Art, Children will learn about the features of Islamic art. They will also make geometric patterns and motifs on paper, with fabric and in clay. Children will learn about the 3-D representation of the human form, including statues, statuettes and figurines. They will study examples from ancient civilisations, and use their clay skills to create a Sumer-style figurine. Finally, in D&T, children will learn about simple machines, including wheels, axles, inclined planes, pulleys and levers, exploring how they helped ancient builders to lift and move heavy loads.

## Homework

Reading books will be sent out twice a week on Mondays and Fridays. Pupils need to bring their reading books back with their reading records signed by an adult who has heard them read. Reading spine books will be sent out every 3 weeks and the children who receive these should fill in the reading journal. Spellings are set weekly and a copy of these will be available to practise with your child in their spelling logs. Children should be accessing their Times Table Rockstars regularly to help them with their multiplications ready for the multiplications check this year. Log in details are found in their reading journals.

If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, or a member of the Year 4 team, then please contact the school office where we will be able to phone you back. As always, thank you for your support.

Year 4 Staff: Miss Nicklin and Mrs Towe.