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# Year 4

Newsletter

## What we have been up to:

In Year 4 we have been.....

very busy meeting new classmates and taking part in many fun activities in the first term of school.

The children have started their new topics in all subjects with lots of enthusiasm and seem ready for lots of learning throughout the year.

## Core Curriculum:

### English

In English this term we will be starting with dragon poetry. Pupils will be learning to use similes and metaphors to add detail to their poems and creating several different types of poem. Following this, we will be retelling a story and using this as a basis for creating our own stories with a dilemma in. Each week, children will be participating in Guided Reading where they will be reading and discussing a book in a small group.

### Maths

In maths we have started with a unit on place value. This will include rounding, understanding the value of different digits, negative numbers and learning about Roman numerals. Each week children will have a challenge maths lesson, often related to what they have studied in the week, and practise their arithmetic skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

### Science

In science this half term we will be studying states of matter. During this topic pupils will become confident to use the terms solid, liquid and gas and will be able to describe the water cycle. This will involve a range of practical activities that will also allow us to improve their working scientifically skills.

## Other areas of the Curriculum:

### Computing

In computing we will be starting on a unit about internet safety. We will be considering how we can encourage others in our school community to be safe online and how important it is to be kind online.

### PSHCE

This half term we will be looking at anti-bullying and friendship. This will include creating a definition of bullying so we can understand the different forms it can take and considering how we can encourage a bullying-free environment at school. We will also be looking at how to be a good friend and scenarios that a friend might be faced with and how to handle them.

### RE

In RE we are learning about Worship and currently the religion that we are learning about is Sikhism.

### Topic

In topic we have started our term long unit on the Ancient Egyptians. The pupils have already produced some excellent questions they would like to find out the answer to over the topic!

We will be studying what has been found out about the Ancient Egyptians and how, the importance of the Nile and examining the pyramids.

## Reminders/Key dates:

### Autumn term

4 September - 19 December

### Half term

22 October - 26 October

### Training Day

19 October

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

28 September

In the dining hall - 9:00am - 10:15am

### Young Shakespeare performance

11 October

### Parents Consultation Evening

16 October - 5:00pm - 7:30pm

18 October - 4:00pm - 6:30pm

## Topic

### Ancient Egyptians

