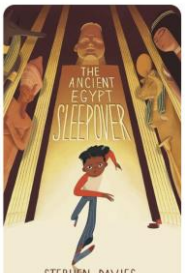
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English

Our core reading texts this half term is: -

The Ancient Egypt Sleepover. Children will be writing diary entries and narratives, continuing to work on applying their grammar, including fronted adverbials and writing dialogue using direct speech.



Please continue to encourage your child to read at least 3 times per week to improve fluency and encourage them to talk to you about what they are reading, their favourite character etc.

Maths

We are focussing on area of shapes. We will continue with place value of numbers up to 10,000, including rounding, partitioning, ordering and comparing.

Addition and subtraction of numbers up 10,000.

As Y4 take a multiplication check during the summer term, we will be practising our multiplication tables daily.

We would appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their multiplication tables



Useful websites:
TT Rockstars

Hit the Button

Multiplication.com

History: Ancient Egypt

Our learning will continue: an in-depth study of Ancient Egypt, learning about everyday life, pharaohs, gods and goddesses, chronology of events, understand where this ancient civilisation fits in with other historical periods previously studied, use a range of sources to collect information.

Geography: Rivers

Our learning will continue: name and understand the features of a river, name and locate famous rivers in the Uk and the world, understand what the water cycle is and its importance, understand why many cities are built next to rivers, undertake a river study (Wolseley Bridge trip).

Science: Living things and their habitats

Our learning will include: naming and sorting animals and plants, using classification keys, understanding how changes to the environment endangers living things, and using and constructing food chains.

PE

Indoor PE is on Tuesday and children will go swimming– please ensure children have swimming trunks or a one piece swimming costume, a towel and a swimming hat. Goggles can also be worn if your child wishes to do so. Please can you send a bag for life/large shopping bag for your child to put their clothes in as they have to taking everything with them to the pool side. Children will not be allowed to swim wearing any jewellery including piercings.

Outdoor PE – will be on Wednesdays. Please ensure children have a tracksuit/joggers/leggings/hoody or sweatshirt for when the weather gets colder and their team colour t-shirt. They will also need outdoor trainers please. **Please ensure no earrings are worn on PE days.**

RE/PSHE/Music

RE- Landmarks in life- any wedding photos or Christening photos much appreciated.

PSHE – Happy Healthy me – understanding what keeps us healthy in mind and body.

Music- This year we will be continuing to learn to play the violin.

Art

Sculpture – to make an Egyptian Death Mask out of clay.

DT

Sewing making our own slipper, using running, back and whip stitch.



MFL/Computing

French – describing people and places (revision of numbers to 20, colours, greetings, parts of the body)

Computing - learning about the internet and understanding how and why we need to be safe when using the internet.

How to help your child at home:

Weekly spellings - test will be on a **Monday**, please refer to the spelling booklets.

Multiplication Tables - see Maths box for websites.

Reading – diaries to be handed in **every Wednesday.** Please ensure your child has **at least 3 reads and 3 comments per week in their reading record, signed by an adult.**

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd November – return to school

Monday 9th November: Trip to Wolseley Bridge –please drop children off at the Wolseley Centre.

Monday 16th November- Odd Socks Day. Come to school wearing odd socks.

Thursday 19th November- Indian Dance workshop

Tuesday 1st December- Christmas Fayre 3pm- 5pm

Wednesday 9th December -Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 10th December- Christmas Disco- 4pm-5pm

Wednesday 16th December- Year 3 and 4 Christmas songs 9.30 am

Thursday 17th December Christmas Party

Friday 18th December - break up for Christmas at 3:15pm

Monday 4th January 2026 – return to school

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Whetton

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us:

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