

Class 4 Newsletter

6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,






I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

I must start with a massive thank you, for all the support last term, for the many Christmas gifts and also the kind donations to buy your child's CAM toy. I am sure you will agree that the children had fantastic ideas and it finished off our rainforest topic perfectly.

Talking of the rainforest, we had some excitement in Class 4 on Wednesday when the children met Stan the Sloth! As a Christmas present, I have adopted Stan for the year! (Postal strikes meant he didn't arrive before Christmas!) Stan lives at South Lakes Safari Zoo in the Lake District and he is very cute!! We look forward to hearing about him throughout the year, maybe some of us may even visit him!!

This term

Our theme this term is '**TOMB RAIDERS**' and most of our work will be based around the topic of Ancient Egypt as you can see below.

<p>English</p> <p>Guided Reading—Secrets of a Sun King</p> <p>Short Film—Tadeo Jones—stories</p> <p>Instructions—Mummification</p> <p>Newspaper Reports—The discovery of Howard Carter</p> <p>Persuasive Advert—Visit Egypt</p>	<p>History</p> <p><u>Ancient Egyptians</u></p> <p>We will find out about the Ancient Civilization of the Egyptians. We will look at sources of evidence to find out about how they lived, their beliefs linked to religion, why the River Nile was so important, how the different pharaohs ruled and how the Egyptian period ended.</p>	<p>Geography</p> <p><u>Egypt</u></p> <p>We will investigate where in the world Egypt is, the human and physical features linked to the country, for example the arid climate, the desert landscape and the importance of the River Nile.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p><u>Year 4</u></p> <p>Multiplication, Length, Perimeter, Fractions and Decimals</p> <p><u>Year 5</u></p> <p>Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Area, Perimeter and Statistics</p>	
<p>French</p> <p>The Enormous Turnip, Numbers</p> <p>Easter</p>	<p>Spring Term 23</p> <p>- Tomb Raiders</p> <p>- Class 4</p>			<p>Music</p> <p>Glockenspiel 2 Mamma Mia</p>
<p>JIGSAW</p> <p>Spring 1 - Dreams and Goals</p> <p>Spring 2—Healthy Me</p>				<p>PE</p> <p>Basketball/Gym/Tag Rugby/Dance (Swimming if needed)</p>
<p>Science</p> <p><u>Light and Sound</u></p> <p>We will explore what a light source is, how light travels, reflective materials and how shadows are made.</p> <p>We will learn how sounds are made, how we hear and how the vibrations affect the volume of sound.</p>	<p>Art and Design</p> <p><u>Masks</u></p> <p>We will explore masks and how they were used during Egyptian times. We will also look at drawing faces and the features of the face. We will then design our own masks and create them to be worn in our catwalk!</p>	<p>Design and Technology</p> <p><u>Jewellery</u></p> <p>We will look at existing products and jewellery from Ancient Egyptian times. We will design and then make our own products then evaluate our finished pieces.</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p><u>Animation</u></p> <p>We will create animations using 2animate and also explore animation apps on the ipads.</p> <p><u>Databases</u></p> <p>We will use 2investigate to explore databases, inputting information and analysing.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>Year 5—Faith in Action-What are the challenges</p> <p>Year 4—People who inspire us—what makes a saint?</p>
	<p>Launch Event</p> <p>Becoming Egyptian Pharaohs</p>		<p>Landing Event</p> <p>Catwalk of masks and jewellery to parents</p>	<p>Half Term Activity</p> <p>Making an Egyptian board game</p> 

These topics will be central to the work completed in school. Please take time to discuss work with your child and if possible encourage them to complete further work, reading or research at home – I am very impressed to have

already received some! The children are welcome to upload any extra work completed to the 'Home Learning' folder on their Seesaw account or bring it into school.

Helping with our work

- If you have artefacts, photos, or books linked to our theme, please allow your child to bring them in. All resources will be returned and are much appreciated. The children love sharing and seeing artefacts brought in from home.

Reminders

- Reading - Please remember to read with your child at least 3 times a week. Reading logs will be collected every Friday to be checked. The class has set a personal target of 100% of the class reads three times! The children are allowed to write entries in their reading record log independently, however, please ensure there is an adult signature each week.
- Homework will continue to be issued most weeks through the class blog. Please allow your child to upload any work completed to their seesaw account. Homework will be looked at in class and class dojo points awarded.
- PE – PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday and a Friday. The children will need outdoor kit on a Wednesday (including a change of shoes) and indoor kit on a Friday.

Thanks for your continued support. Please catch me on the playground if you have any questions. I will continue to check our class email mrsaltoftbrandesburton@gmail.com

I look forward to continue working with you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Altoft