



Year 4 Autumn Newsletter

Discover Project



Big Question – Have we advanced or regressed since ancient times?

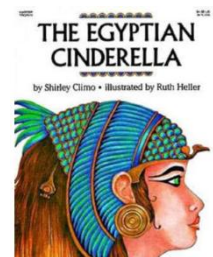
A warm welcome back to an exciting new school year, in Year 4, at Abbey Gates! We hope you have had a fantastic summer break and are as delighted about the new term as we are. I am looking forward to teaching in Year 4 and we will have familiar faces on the Year 4 team with Mrs Slater-Davison working in the classroom Monday to Friday and Mr Martin leading some exciting PE opportunities on Thursday afternoons. Mrs Smith will be joining us on Fridays to help with French, and Mrs Durham will be teaching RE to the class on Tuesdays. The whole team is looking forward to seeing what Year 4 can achieve this year!

DISCOVER PROJECT

We are all set for an exciting term as we discover what life was like during the ancient Egyptian civilisation as well as the impact of the Roman occupation of Britain on modern society. Children will be asked the Big Question 'Have we advanced or regressed since ancient times?'. We will begin by looking at the chronology of Ancient Egypt and the significant moments that cemented their place in history. Later in the term, we will investigate the Egyptians achievements and see if there are any similarities to the modern world. Please continue to check the Year 4 class pages to find out about the exciting things we have planned to bring this history topic to life. [Click here](#) to find our project placemat on the Year 4 class page on the school website, which can be used to support, revise and embed learning at home.

ENGLISH

In English, we will be reading 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo. This high-quality text will support our Discover project and is a great opportunity for the children to discover and embed new vocabulary.



SCIENCE



In Science, we will be learning about states of matter. We will be looking at different materials and thinking about whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will also be observing at how temperature affects and changes a material's state.

MATHS

In maths, we continue to follow the White Rose programme of work. This term we will focus on:

- Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Area
- Multiplication and Division



By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. You can support your child at home by giving them opportunities to practise their times tables, asking random times tables questions or encouraging regular sessions on TT Rock Stars. *Rapid recall* of times tables will be beneficial to support our preparations for the statutory multiplication check, which Year 4 children across the country will take between the end of May and the beginning in June. We recommend the Soundcheck game on TT Rock Stars which replicates the check, so children know exactly what to expect.

PE



PE will now take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons with Mr Martin and will be focused on basketball and gymnastics this term. Children should continue to come into school in their correct school PE kits on these days. Please ensure that long hair is tied back on these days and that children are not wearing any jewellery (including earrings).

CAN YOU HELP?

Are you able to help enrich any of our curriculum? Do you have any skills/talents linked to the things we are learning? Perhaps you know somebody who has a history-based career who might be able to come in and inspire us? Please let us know! We would love to invite you in.

Enrichment

To provide a range of enrichment activities, we would greatly appreciate parent donations to our school enrichment fund. We ask for a voluntary donation of £2 per term (or £6 for the year). Please make the donation via the school gateway. We thank you in advance for your support

We are really looking forward to an exciting year in Year 4!

Please don't hesitate to come and talk to us should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Stone and the Year 4 Team