

Year 4 Spring Newsletter

Discover Project



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

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. We'd like to thank you for the lovely cards, messages and Christmas gifts that we received and hope that you all had a wonderful winter break.

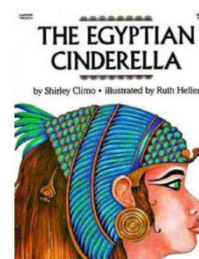
DISCOVER PROJECT

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?' 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.

You can 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, which is an exciting opportunity for the children to discover and embed new vocabulary. We are also continuing to read 'Varjak Paw', which inspired some wonderful artwork last half term.



SCIENCE

In Science, we will be learning about electricity. We begin our topic with a visit from a STEM Ambassador on Thursday 12th January, who will deliver a hands-on and engaging session to launch our topic.

MATHS

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

- Multiplication and Division
- Length and Perimeter
- Fractions
- Decimals



By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of their times tables up to 12x12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.. You can support your child at home by continuing to practise their times tables, asking random times tables questions or encouraging regular sessions on TT Rock Stars. Times tables practice will also 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 continue take place on Tuesdays (with Mr Martin) and Fridays (with Mrs O'Dea), beginning with dodgeball and badminton. 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 with 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

YEAR 4 TEAM

(Mrs Durham, Mrs O'Dea, Mrs Wilson, Mr Ball, Mrs Smith and Mr Martin)