



Grange Farm Primary School

Spring in Year 4

Happy new year and welcome back. I hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday. We all had a fantastic Autumn term in Year 4. We have another busy term coming up with lots of exciting things planned. This newsletter is intended to give you useful information about what we are doing this term. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Corbould and Miss Smith

English

This term's literacy coverage...

Our unit of work on Egyptian Cinderella will lead to the children producing their own version of a traditional tale, adding their own twist. This will involve children deepening their understanding of the genre and applying learned grammatical features.

Spelling

Regular spelling lessons are taught throughout the week. In these lessons children learn new spelling rules as well as practise techniques to help them memorise their set spellings.

Reading

Children are responsible for changing their reading books/ library books at their allotted time and finished books are recorded in the class record. Stay tuned for information about 'Accelerated Reader' which will be introduced to the children soon.

Homework

Children will continue to get Maths, Reading Wheel and Spelling homework weekly. Both Year 4 classes have their spelling tests on Monday afternoons. Children are expected to practise in preparation.

This term's creative curriculum...

The children will be learning about Ancient Egypt which we know is a topic they'll enjoy. This topic is covered across several curriculum subjects such as History, Geography and Art. They're very excited to find out about mummification and try it themselves!

Other Curriculum Areas

Some subjects will be taught separately from our main topic theme:

Computing: children will be using and improving their office skills.

Science: 'States of Matter'- children will experiment with changing the state of materials and learn about the Water Cycle.

RE: This term children will be exploring the question, 'Why was Jesus so inspiring to some people?'

Living and Growing: Children will be doing a short unit of Sex and Relationship Education.

PE Days

Full PE kit is needed in school all week in case of any timetable changes. However, children in Year 4 will typically do PE on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays.

Dates

Diary dates come out every week on the newsletter and are also available on the website. Parents evenings this term are on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March. They are followed by a Teacher Training Day (16th). On Thursday 22nd March, Year 4 will be going on an RE trip to Coventry Cathedral.

Staff

Alongside their normal class teachers, children will be working with other members of staff. Teaching Assistants, Miss Wright, Mrs Weaver and Mrs Dixon and art teacher Mrs Hall work with both classes.

Mrs Harris teaches 4S on Thursday afternoons.

Communication

Most letters now come by email and are available on the website. Do make sure we have your up to date email address and contact details.

Maths

'These objectives form the maths curriculum for the whole year and are revisited at different points during the year.'

- Count in 6s, 7s, 9s, 25s, 1000s and hundredths; count backwards through zero to include negative numbers
- Read, write, compare, order and know place value of numbers to at least 10000 and numbers with the same number of decimal places up to two decimal places
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000 and decimals with 1 decimal place to the nearest whole number
- Add and subtract up to four-digit numbers mentally and using formal written columnar methods
- Tables and division facts 12 x 12, including 0 and 1
- Multiply three numbers
- Multiply two and three digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout
- Dividing a one or two-digit number by 10 and 100, identifying value of digits
- Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator
- Measure and calculate perimeter of rectilinear shapes in metres and centimetres
- Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares
- Read, write and convert time between analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour clocks
- Conversion between units of measure
- Sorting and classifying quadrilaterals and triangles
- Identify lines of symmetry in 2D shapes presented in different orientations
- Identify acute and obtuse angles and compare and order angles up to two right angles by size
- Describing positions and translations (movement) within the first quadrant
- Solve number and practical problems involving these ideas