



# Class 4 Newsletter

## Term 4

Be the BEST You Can Be

*Whatever you do, do it with all your heart. Colossians 3:23*

### Happy half term Class 4!

How are we half way through the academic year!? This term has been full of many different learning opportunities. The children have really enjoyed our book this term and have become engrossed in learning all about Penguins from writing non-chronological reports to planning our torches in Design and Technology. The children have been wonderful and I am really looking forward to what term 4 will bring us!

Mrs Dobson

### What we are learning

This term, our topic is 'Ancient Egyptians!' As part of our topic, we will be exploring Ancient Egyptian artefacts and learning about the process of mummification.

In English, we will be writing Egyptian myths, instructions and portal stories. We will draw inspiration from the twists and turns of life as an Egyptian to write suspenseful narratives.

In Maths, we will be continuing our learning on length and perimeter and then focussing on decimals and fractions. We will also be recapping multiplication and division.

In Science, the children will continue learning about States of Matter, they will be sorting materials into solids, liquids and gases; then they will investigate how heating causes melting and cooling causes freezing. Children will be predicting and making observations and drawing graphs.

In RE, we will be exploring the key question 'Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?' linked to the Easter story. Our Christian value this term will be Respect, which we will be exploring more in worships.

In History, we will be exploring the Ancient Egyptians, by looking at artefacts. The children will also have the chance to explain and perform the ancient ritual of mummification and will look at a timeline into history.

In PSHE, our topic is 'Healthy Me'. We will be looking at how to stay healthy, looking at what makes a healthy balanced diet to how smoking and drinking can have an impact on our health. We will also be looking at how to be a good friend and to enjoy healthy relationships.

In Music, we will be continuing our lessons on rhythm and work collaboratively to produce a final piece, performing as a group.

In Art, we will be exploring different types of printing using string, glue, polystyrene and cardboard; children will also explore the artist William Morris and making links to printing in Ancient Egypt.

In PE, our sessions will be athletics. We will be developing our basic running, jumping and throwing techniques, and thinking about how to achieve the greatest accuracy, speed and distance.

In Computing, our focus for the term is on coding using the program Logo. We will be using the repeat function to create different shapes and patterns and then exploring animation, learning how to create 'stop motion'.

In French, we will be learning how to say our name, age and where we live in French. We will also be continuing to focus on correct pronunciation.

### Useful information:

Reading is the skill that allows children to access other areas of the curriculum. The children complete Whole Class Reading sessions at school to develop their comprehension of texts as well as their fluency. However, it is really important that you read at home with your child and complete their reading record every day. It is great if you are able to listen to your child read aloud. We have a reading reward system, so that children are recognised for their efforts in reading at home.

This term, we will be reading Max and the Millions by Ross Montgomery.



### Weekly Multiplication Quiz

As we progress through year 4, we need to be super speedy with our multiplications. To ensure this we will have weekly multiplication and division quizzes to ensure children are making progress and sustaining their knowledge of times tables. Again, regular revision at home will really benefit the children. Times Table Rock Stars is a great way to help with this!

### Homework

- Spellings are sent home on **Friday** and tested the following **Friday**. Please take the time to test your children on their spellings.
- Children will also have weekly maths or literacy homework.
- Children will receive a project piece of homework over the term and hand in on the last week of term. More details will be provided the first week back.

PE: This term, PE will be on a **Friday**. At St Mary's our PE kit should include a burgundy t-shirt, black shorts/joggers and daps/trainers for outdoor activities-trainers may be more appropriate for outside play.

<https://gooddies.co.uk>

Please could all children have a pair of (named) wellies in school so they can enjoy the school grounds in all weather.

### Useful Information

Thank you...

...for everyone who is on Class Dojo, it is a very effective way of communicating with you all and posting key information and photos of what we are doing in school.

...for continuing to support your child with their reading-it really is the foundation for effective learning through the whole curriculum.

...Please remember to look at the newsletter and school calendar for any other dates that might be coming up.

... Finally, we know how important it is to have a strong home school partnership, if you have any questions regarding your child's time in Class Four, I am always available for quick messages on class Dojo. However, if you feel you need to make an appointment please contact the school office or email on:

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