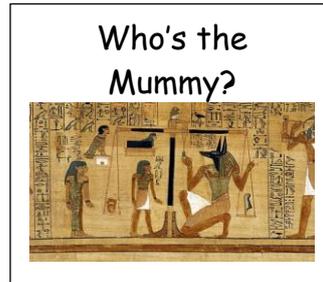




Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow



Friday April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new term in Class 4. After another lockdown last term, it is wonderful to have the class back together again, ready for our new topic 'Who's the Mummy?' which is all about the Ancient Egyptians. We will be exploring the discovery of Tutankhamun, as well as Gods and Goddesses and the importance of mummification! Along with this letter you will receive a Topic Web showing you everything we will be covering over the next two terms.

Curriculum

Our English will be based around two books - 'Cinnamon' and 'The Story of Tutankhamun'. We will be writing to entertain in Term 5, creating character and setting descriptions, using our ever increasing vocabulary to build up an image for the reader. This will lead to our own stories based around the book of 'Cinnamon'. In Term 6, we will be looking at writing to inform and persuade by producing a short biography of King Tutankhamun, a speech to convince Lord Carnarvon to give us more money for one more excavation and culminating in a newspaper report explaining and sharing Howard Carter's discovery of the tomb.

Our topics through the Summer terms will be Economic Activity and Ancient Egypt. We will be identifying what Economic Activity is, how it has changed over time and the different aspects of it. We will then move into Ancient Egypt, exploring mummification, by mummifying tomatoes, hieroglyphics and the Rosetta Stone. We will be exploring the different Gods, Goddesses and pharaohs, as well as delving deeper into the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

Science will be focused on Animals, recapping the use of classification keys and food chains, as well as exploring the human digestive system with a hands-on experiment and identifying teeth in both animals and humans. We will then be focusing on Sound; identifying how sound travels, the speed of sound, and creating our own experiments to test this.

Home Learning

We are using Pick and Mix for summer terms 1 and 2, and this will be sent home via Parent Mail. Any home learning, including photos of creations needs to be uploaded to Purple Mash. Class 4 will look at a range of Pick and Mix home learning on a Friday afternoon. Mathletics will be set weekly based on the previous week's learning, this is optional as it is part of our pick and mix. We also have spellings, reading and times table practise at home. If you do not have access to Purple Mash at home, please let us know via the School Office admin@lydiardmillicentceps.org.

Reminders

Spellings will be handed out on a **Monday** and will be tested on the **Friday**. Times tables can be completed however you wish, we have the opportunity to use Purple Mash, Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics. We will be focusing on all our times tables this term.

The children will complete a times table test at the beginning of each term, based on the 11 times table in Summer 1 and all times tables in Summer 2. We will then re-test the pupils at the end of the term to see their progress.

Reading will continue to be a focus in Class 4 this term. It is important that all children should read regularly and be recorded in their reading records. To further support your child's understanding, it would be useful to ask questions and discuss what they have read. The children will change their reading book when they have finished the book. They will be reading 1:1 with a teacher at a minimum of once a fortnight, and this will be noted in their reading records. Once we feel they are confident with both the fluency and comprehension of the story, and have accessed a range of books in that colour band, their reading band will be changed accordingly. We also have weekly guided reading sessions focusing on our reading skills and there is a range of reading across the curriculum.

Our PE slots will take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, this term our themes are 'Nimble Nets' & 'Gym Sequences' in Summer 1, and 'Striking and Fielding' & 'Young Olympians' in Summer 2. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in every day. Your child's PE kit consists of a white t-shirt, green shorts or green joggers, and socks (especially for girls who may be wearing tights). Please ensure you have a jumper or cardigan, as all PE lessons will take place outside, weather permitting.

We will be continuing with the Golden Mile, and this will be completed within our Class Bubble.

Your child will also need their reading journals and a water bottle daily.

Values

Our value in term 5 is Friendship, and our value in term 6 is Truthfulness. Please see our poems explaining these values to the children below:

Finding things to do together

Relying on each other

Impossible on your own

Enjoying being together

Never selfish

Depending on someone else

Sharing hopes and dreams

Happiness and laughter

Including others

Precious

Trustworthy words and

actions

*Respect for doing the right
thing*

Uncovering the full picture

Telling it as it is

Having all the facts.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. If you email the School Office, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Sharp and Miss Cuthbert
Class 4 Teacher and Teaching Assistant