

# Year 4 Spring Newsletter:

## Potal to the Past: Awesome Ancient Egyptians



As part of our whole school Big Idea 'Potal to the Past', Year 4's Spring term topic is Awesome Ancient Egyptians. We will be learning about the lives of people in Ancient Egypt, how life then affects our lives today and the people's beliefs and culture.

### Science – Electricity

We will be investigating Sound. We will be exploring how sound travels and investigating pitch and volume through experiments.

### French

We will be looking at the topic of pets and learning how to say, spell and read these words in French.

### PE and Games

On a Monday we will be swimming. On a Friday we will be practicing our Hockey and Netball skills.

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on PE days and with their full swimming kit on a Monday.

### PSHE

Following the school-wide approach and using Jigsaw resources, we will be looking at 'Dreams and Goals' & 'Healthy Me'.

This will look at what we want to achieve in the future and how we might achieve them. Also we will be looking at how to keep ourselves healthy.

### Art and DT

In DT, we will be focusing on cooking and recreating some Egyptian bread – adding our own twist.

In Art we will be focusing on Still Life, investigating some famous artists and creating our own piece of work using paint and collage.

### History

We will be focusing on the Ancient Egyptians. We will look at the people of the time, what their beliefs and cultures were, how they lived and what they did that effects our lives today.



### Homework



#### Reading

It is expected that your child reads at home at least 3 times a week. If they do not read at home, they may be asked to stay in at playtime to read with an adult.

#### Spellings

Spellings will be handed out on a Friday and the children will be tested on them the following Friday . Please practice these with your children at home. They must also log in to Spelling Shed to practice their spellings too. If they cannot access this at home, they can come to one of the clubs on a lunch time. If this is not completed they will be asked to stay in at playtime to complete it.

#### Times tables

Your child will be tested on their times tables regularly in school. Children are expected to practice their times tables on TT Rockstars at least 3 times a week. If they cannot access this at home, they can come to one of the clubs on a lunchtime.

#### Knowledge organisers

Knowledge organisers will be sent home at the beginning of each new topic. Please look through these with your children and challenge each other to learn the facts and key information on them.

### Class Novels

This term we will begin by reading The Boy with the Butterfly Mind by Victoria Williamson. This is an uplifting, moving and inspiring story of acceptance, blended families, and discovering that in the end, being yourself is more than enough.

