

Information for Year Four

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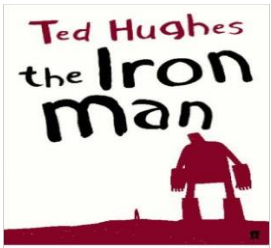
Date: Autumn Half Term 1

Topic: What can we find out about Ancient Egypt from what has survived?

Welcome to Year 4!

The Year 4 team are pleased to welcome you all back to school, and hope that everyone enjoyed the summer break. Over the next few weeks we are looking forward to hearing all about the holidays and seeing everyone settle into their new routines.

Due to children not physically being in school for the summer term of the previous year, we will be spending the first few weeks assessing what they've retained of the previous year's curriculum. We'll do this through various lessons, fun activities and low-stakes testing; then we'll make this part of their learning along with the curriculum for their current year.

Subject:	Class work:	How you can help:
Literacy	<p><u>Class Novel</u> The iron Man – Ted Hughes</p> 	<p>In Literacy this term, we will be studying the text – The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.</p> <p>We will be reading this together as a class and studying the characters and storyline in lessons.</p> <p>We will send home a list of spellings each Monday. These spellings are taken from the new national curriculum and it is vital that children not only learning the spelling but also a simple definition for each to increase their understanding. Please encourage your child to learn them as they will be tested every Monday.</p> <p>In class we will be learning a number of techniques to practise spellings and we hope the children will be able to share these with you at home.</p>
Mathematics	<p>Counting, rounding and partitioning. Place value</p> <p>4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)</p>	<p>You could help at home by:</p> <p>Counting in different steps such as twos, threes and fours. Practising mental addition and subtraction methods. Rapid recall multiplication and division facts Applying the four operations in a real life context such as finding totals of money and amounts and giving change.</p> <p>In year 4 we place a huge emphasis on the children knowing their times tables. Your child has access to Times Table Rockstars which is an online resource to support the learning of multiplication facts.</p>
Science	Animals including humans	<p>The children will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.• Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions• Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. <p>It would help if the children can name the parts of the body and know the names and functions of the main</p>

		internal organs. Visit the library for books or research on the internet, BBC schools has a great science section.
Humanities Geography and History	Ancient Egypt River Nile	In History we will be focusing on the achievements of the earliest civilizations – the Ancient Egyptians. During our Geography lessons we will be investigating geographical features of the River Nile We will locate Ancient Egypt on a modern day map, identifying continents and countries, identifying the main physical features of Ancient Egypt and the land use, e.g. the importance of the River Nile then and now.
DT/ Art	Making a smoothie – keeping healthy cooking) Making an Egyptian Mummy!	Practical Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare ingredients hygienically using appropriate utensils.• Measure ingredients to the nearest gram accurately.• Follow a recipe.• Assemble or cook ingredients
Specific dates	P.E. – Monday and Friday – please make sure that your child has a full, named PE kit in school for every day because of changeable weather. Learning Log- Set Monday, in for Monday Spellings- Set Monday, tested following Monday	
Homework	In Year 4 we have a point system homework which was very popular with the children last year. In order to give the wonderful homework the recognition that it deserves we will have a homework celebration every Monday morning where the children share their homework with the class. Hopefully this will inspire and motivate the children to complete other tasks on the sheet. Therefore the marking of homework will mainly be verbal feedback with stickers and comments where appropriate.	
Targets for children	Read daily at home and at school. Help your child learn their times tables and spellings.	
Please can you ensure your child's name is written in/on anything they bring into school.		

The Year Ahead

We are really looking forward to an enjoyable year with the children. The Year 4 team are always happy to help.

If you have any questions please feel free to come in and have a chat with me.

Mr Hampson