



Where children come first

LKS2 Spring Newsletter

Thursday 19th December 2024

Autumn term brought many positive experiences and learning opportunities; we delved into two fascinating topics: the ancient Egyptians and New York. Both topics have sparked curiosity and enthusiasm among the children, and it's been truly rewarding to see the way that they engaged with their learning. Our learning about the ancient Egyptians led us to explore the mysteries of the pyramids. We learned about pharaohs, and even created our own hieroglyphics. We took a virtual trip to the bustling city of New York. We have explored its landmarks, culture, and history. The children enjoyed learning about the Statue of Liberty and Central Park, this has sparked discussions about travel and geography.

The Tudors

Spring term brings us a history-based topic where we will be exploring the big question 'How did the Tudors change our country?' Our January immersion day will focus on what life was like in a Tudor school- we will even be learning a little bit of Latin! Throughout the topic, we will explore the lives of Henry VIII's six wives, their influences on the king and the country, and the lasting impacts of their stories. We will spend time learning about the changes Henry VIII implemented, including the establishment of the Church of England, and how these changes shaped modern Britain.

Class texts

We will be looking at the following texts this term to support our learning.







Supporting your child at home

As you know, we don't set formal homework each week, but we do ask that you support us with some learning at home. We feel that it is important that the children get into good habits with home learning as well as giving you an opportunity to see how they are progressing in different areas of the curriculum.

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<p><u>Regular Reading</u> Your child should have a reading book that they bring home each day in their reading folder. We ask that the children or you make at least 3 entries into their reading records so that we can track how they are getting on. They can also go on Reading Plus at home.</p>	
<p><u>Regular Times Tables Practice</u> Children in Year 4 will be taking part in the national multiplication check and therefore it is important that they practise their tables as much as possible. For the children in Year 3, it is great for them to get a head start and practise both TTRockstars in school and at home.</p>	
<p><u>Learning Spellings</u> Each child should be set 10 spellings from the weekly spelling lists for year 3 and 4 which will be given in the yellow spelling books. These are kept in the children's reading folders. You can practise them for the weekly test in any way that is helpful.</p>	
<p><u>LbQ</u> Each week, your child may be required to access some home learning through LbQ. You will be able to find their independent study code in their reading record.</p>	

Celebration Assemblies

We use our weekly assemblies to praise and celebrate the children's achievements in a variety of ways. Certificates are awarded to children who demonstrate the virtues of the school, do well at times tables and 'level up' in Reading Plus. It is also nice to celebrate children's achievements outside of school and we encourage children to tell us so we can also share it in assembly. This is also an opportunity to remind children about the importance of good attendance.

Key events

Further information will be sent out in due course but here is an overview of what is to come:

- World Book Day - **Thursday 6th March**
- Year 4 theatre trip- **Thursday 13th March**
- Parents' Evening – **Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March**



PE Days

Please see the chart below for your child's PE days:

4RM	Friday- Swimming (Please send your child in their PE kit)
4LW	Friday- Forest Schools (Please send your child with waterproofs and wellies)
4PL	Friday- Swimming (Please send your child in their PE kit)
3JG	Tuesday and Wednesday (Please send your child in their PE kit)
3RH	Tuesday and Wednesday (Please send your child in their PE kit)

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How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications where we will continue to celebrate successes and notify you of any further updates. We look forward to welcoming you into school in March for Parents Evening. Letters and updates will be emailed, and the website is regularly updated too.

Thank you for your continued support and as ever, please do not hesitate to approach us with any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Warren (Year 3&4 Phase Leader) and the LKS2 team.



Mrs Warren
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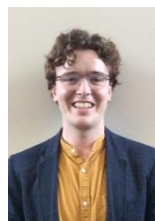
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