

# Year 4 News

## September 2021



Welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed your summer break — we are really looking forward to the new half term and all it has to offer!

### Ancient Egypt

As part of our learning this term, we will be stepping into the shoes of archaeologists, looking at the fascinating civilization of Ancient Egypt.

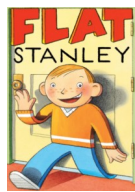
In geography, we will locate Egypt, its major cities and the River Nile using atlases. We will also be studying the importance of the River Nile and its seasons to the Ancient Egyptian civilisation.



In history, we will construct a timeline of significant events. We will delve into the social hierarchy of Ancient Egyptian society and learn about the Gods and Goddesses. Then we will explore the history of the 'lost pharaohs' of the Nubian Dynasty and their legacy. Finally, we will find out about significant historical figures and monuments like the famous Sphinx.

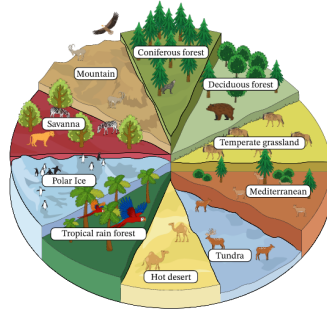
### English

To start the year in English, we will be focusing on descriptive writing based around our theme of Ancient Egypt. We will then be planning and writing postcards as the explorer Flat Stanley. Sticking with our Egyptian theme, we will plan and write the end to a suspenseful Egyptian narrative before moving on to instruction writing which culminates in an Ancient Egyptian curse! To bring the half term to a close, we will create our own spooky stories and end with a fun week of Ancient Egyptian themed poetry where we will consider rhyming patterns and different styles of poetry.



### Science

In science, we will be learning all about habitats. We are looking at the ways that plants and animals are adapted to their surroundings and investigating the wildlife that can be found within our own school.



### Home Learning

Your child will receive home learning tasks every Friday via Google Classroom and should be completed by the following Thursday. **There will be more information to follow regarding the use of Google Classroom.**

### Spellings

Each Friday, the children will be tested on the ten spellings they have learnt that week. These will be posted on Google Classroom.

### Home-School Diary

Your child will be provided with a home-school diary which they will use to record home learning tasks and keep a record of any reading they have done over the week.



### Art

In art, Year 4 will be focusing on the artist Gustav Klimt. We will be evaluating his catalogue of work and learning new skills to mimic Klimt's style. If you have any **old magazines or books** we can use for collage in this topic, please bring them to your class teacher from the 27<sup>th</sup> September.



### Maths

This half term, the children will be securing their understanding of place value as well as the formal written methods for addition and subtraction with up to four digit numbers. Children will be challenged with reasoning and problem solving tasks which will deepen their understanding of these mathematical concepts.

Children in Year 4 now need to know all of the times table facts up to 12 x 12. We will be practising our tables on a regular basis, and hope that the children can continue this practise at home.

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

### PE

One of our lessons each week will be swimming at Zest and the other will be in school led by Mr Millns, our new specialist PE and sport teacher. This half term we will be taking part in Athletics, looking at several running, jumping and throwing events allowing for both lots of practise and some fun competitions.

PE days for Year 4 are as follows:

4F: Monday (swimming) & Thursday

4W: Monday (swimming) & Thursday

4C: Thursday & Friday (swimming)

**Children should come dressed in their PE kit on their PE days** (white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings/joggers and a sweater together with trainers/plimsolls). Wherever possible, lessons will take place outdoors so please ensure children are dressed appropriately in warm clothing. During lessons they will need to **remove all jewellery**. If your child is unable to do PE, they *must* present a note explaining why they are exempt.

### Contact Details

Your child's teacher can be contacted by email through [enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk) if you have anything you wish to discuss with them.