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HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to year 4

This is our first half termly newsletter which will tell you about some of the key features of the year ahead and in particular, what's in store over the next few weeks. We have lots of exciting activities planned and are looking forward to teaching the new year 4 group. If you need to talk to us we are usually available before school or immediately after.

Shaun Grigg and Luke Rees

This term, we will continue to encourage all pupils to be responsible for themselves and their personal belongings.

Please could you ensure that all children have had a good breakfast and arrive at school on time each day. They will need their **reading book** and **home school diary** every day. They will also need to bring a **healthy snack, water bottle** and their own **pencil case** with a good quality pencil, ruler, pencil sharpener and rubber. New pens can be purchased from the office for 40p for those who need them.

We will also be encouraging the children to come in to the class by themselves in the morning to promote greater independence.

PE Days

4LR Tuesday 4SG Wednesday

Please ensure children have a named P.E. kit in school every day. It would be helpful if you could show children how to remove earrings, or encourage them to leave them at home on these days. Swimming begins on Friday 11th September and a letter has been sent home about this.

School Uniform

As the weather is still fairly warm, junior children are welcome to continue with polo shirts etc. a while longer. However, after half term please could your child switch to winter uniform which means a shirt and tie.

Clubs

Please encourage the children to take part in the extra curricular clubs available to them. It is an excellent opportunity for them to have some fun and meet new people! Look out for the club list that will be sent out shortly.

Individual Learning Targets

We will soon be setting new individual learning targets for reading, writing and maths. A copy of these targets will be sent home with the children. Ask your child about their targets and how they are going to try and achieve them!

Homework

The most important "homework" you can do with your child is to read with them every night! It should be fun and enjoyable. Please could you continue to fill in their home school diary each time they read at home.

Children can change their books from 8-30-8-45am each morning and from 3-00-3-15pm after school. Please could you remind them to change their books during these times, if they need to do so.

In addition we will continue with the new **multiplication challenge** with a test every Friday. Please help your child to practice on the home sheets that will be with you next week. Little and often is best.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and will be tested in school the following Friday. Again, daily practice with these, will support the work we are doing in class.

Trip to Truro

To support our topic on the Ancient Egyptians, we are hoping to take the children to Truro Museum. We will combine this with a trip to Truro Cathedral to support our RE work on Christian places of worship.

There will be a letter giving details about the trip in the near future.

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CURRICULUM CONTENT

This term, our topic will be based around **life in Ancient Egypt**. This will encompass many areas of the curriculum including literacy, art, design technology and geography. In literacy, we will continue our whole school focus on oral story telling. This half term, the children will be learning and retelling an Ancient Egyptian quest story and writing an explanation text about mummification. In science we will be looking at teeth in humans and the digestive system. ICT this term will continue to be taught by Mr Simmons, assisted by Mrs Matthews in the ICT suite. Lessons will take place each Wednesday. We are also hoping to use the new school I pads. I'm sure the children will be looking forward to that! The children will also be taught by Mr. Behennah for some specialist PE lessons.

.....*And Finally*.....

Could you help with Reading?

If you are available between 8-50 and 9-15 we would be very grateful for your help. Please complete the attached form.

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I can help with reading on the following mornings-
4LR/4SG

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	

Thank you for your continued support.