

YEAR 4 : 2015 / 16

HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2: November 2015

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Teaching Assistants: Mrs Rosario, Mrs Mercer, Ms Powell, Mrs Gray

Welcome back after the week's break. We have lots of exciting activities planned for this next half term up until Christmas. Our trip to Truro is booked and we are looking forward to that. We are continuing to look at the Ancient Egyptians as our main topic and will be investigating states of matter in science. To link with our trip to Truro Cathedral we will have a day of activities based on different aspects of Christianity.
Shaun Grigg and Luke Rees

We will continue to operate an open door policy from 8-30am onwards. If you would like to talk to us, please come through the main office entrance and not the outside classroom doors.

As we start a new half term, we are reminding the children of how to be organised in year 4. The 'Be Organised' poster is still on our class doors for you to check.

Please ensure that they have their **reading book** and **home/school book** 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.

Trip to Truro

A quick reminder that the children will be going on their trip to Truro cathedral and the Royal Cornwall Museum on Friday 20th November. Thank you to those who have replied to our letter. Please could we have the last few back as soon as possible.

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!

School Uniform

Please can the children now come to school in winter uniform. We have talked to the children about our expectations. They will be need to wear a long or short sleeved white shirt with a school tie, a school jumper or cardigan, a school skirt or trousers and sensible shoes. Please ensure all uniform is clearly named and that children are able to tie shoe laces and ties by themselves.

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 fill in the new home/school book 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 run the **multiplication challenge**, with a test every Friday. We will continue to send home the practice sheets for the level that your child is on. Please help your child to practice target times tables regularly. Little and often is best. Please ask your child to return these sheets on a Friday to their teacher.

A new set of spellings have been sent home. The children will start with a test of these four words and will build up to twenty spellings over the coming weeks. Your support with this at home is much appreciated. As well as the weekly tests, we are encouraging the children to keep up this good spelling, in their written work.

We will be sending home a list of the words that your child will need to revise. These are the words they didn't get correct in the recent assessment. Please help them to revise these alongside the new spellings.

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CURRICULUM CONTENT

Our Ancient Egypt topic will continue to be taught through literacy, art, design technology, history and geography. In literacy, we will continue our whole school focus on oral story telling. This half term, the children will continue to write explanation texts as well as learning poetry and a journey story.

ICT for 4SG this term will be taught by Mr Simmons, assisted by Mrs Matthews in the ICT suite. Lessons will take place each Wednesday. The children in 4LR will be taught by Mr. Behannah for some specialist PE lessons.

PE Days

4SG Tuesday and Thursday 4LR Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please ensure children have a named P.E. kit in school every day. As the weather is unpredictable, we may change our PE sessions. We would also recommend that children have tracksuits for the colder months.

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!

Could you help with Reading?

If you are available between 8-50 and 9-15 we would be very grateful for your help. We have a group of parents who regularly come in and would welcome any extra reading help.

Thank you for your continued support.