



Highlights from last term ...



Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their outing to Queenswood!



The children enjoyed Tropical Inc coming into school.

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: This term the children will be exploring the features of **non-chronological reports** and will write a non-chronological report on everything they have learnt about the Egyptians. They will also explore **fantasy stories** and will be given the opportunity to write their very own fantasy story.

Maths: In mathematics this term we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum.

Science: Our science topic for this term is '**States of Matter**'. Within this topic the children will compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. Pupils will observe that some materials change state when they are heated and cooled. They will also identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.

Topic: Our topic for this term is the '**Ancient Egyptians**'. Within this topic, the children will learn when events from Ancient Egypt took place; the importance of the River Nile and understand what life was like as an Ancient Egyptian. The children will also design and make their own Egyptian burial masks and Egyptian musical instruments.

French: The children will complete 30 minutes of French a week focusing on a wide range of different topics.

Computing: This term the children will learn how to use Microsoft Excel; the children will collect and present mathematical/scientific data and present it in the form of a graph or chart.



Special Events

Cultural Diversity Workshop

On **Thursday 8th February**, we have 'Creative Workshops Unlimited' coming into school to deliver a workshop to our children. The title of the workshop is called, 'Travelling the World' and it brings colonial history alive and helps to explain immigration patterns in a simple but relevant way. It uses interactive storytelling, simple role play, artefacts, hands-on activities and singing to convey an important message. By the end, pupils should be better equipped to understand, empathise with and relate to people of other cultures and races in this country.



Egyptian Day

On **Wednesday 10th January**, Year 4 pupils will enjoy a fun filled, Egyptian themed day! The children will meet up with Aesop's dotty professor and her faithful companion on the banks of the Nile. They will enjoy the thrills and spills as they venture into ancient Egypt and stagger upon the secrets of the pyramids. Not only that, but the children will also enjoy a performance based on life as an Egyptian! There is no charge for this workshop – the workshop has been kindly funded by the PTA.



Parental Engagement

Are You Smarter Than an 8 or 9 Year Old?

Year 4 pupils would like to invite parents, family and friends into school on **Wednesday 21st March** for a quiz afternoon. Parents, friends and family will need to be in teams (maximum 4 per team) and will go up against the children in a quiz, answering a range of questions on a variety of subjects/topics. Don't worry; we will inform you of the subjects/topics beforehand so that you can fit some revision time in! The quiz will take place in the hall so if you wish to join forces with a parent/friend from a different class then that is fine. Unfortunately, Noel Edmonds was unavailable on this day so instead your presenters are: Miss Cartwright, Mrs Styles and Miss Nash. We hope you take up this challenge! More details to follow.

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they have the proper games kit in school at all times. Children being excused from physical education for a medical reason should bring a note.



Year 4 pupils have five swimming sessions left. The dates of these are: **Tuesday 9th January, Tuesday 16th January, Tuesday 24th January, Tuesday 30th January and Tuesday 6th February.**



If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!** It is also important that school have a copy of their care plan too – thank you for your co-operation.



As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should only bring in fruit to eat at break times. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



Homework



Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home, recording reading comments in their reading journals regularly. Children should read their banded books Monday to Thursday then they can read a book of their choice over the weekend. It is also vitally important that you support your children with any spellings or multiplication tables they may need to learn. Please ask your children if they have any homework and give them every encouragement to do it – we greatly value your support in this area.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Tuesday 9 th January Tuesday 16 th January Tuesday 23 rd January Tuesday 30 th January Tuesday 6 th February	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 10 th January	Year 4 Egyptian Day – Aesop’s Theatre Workshop
Thursday 8 th February	Cultural Diversity Workshop
Monday 12 th February	4C Class Assembly – Parents, family and friends invited from 2.45pm.
Half Term	
Monday 26 th February	4S Class Assembly – Parents, family and friends invited from 2.45pm.
Friday 2 nd March	Full House Friday – Non-school Uniform
Wednesday 14 th March Thursday 15 th March	Parents’ Evening
Wednesday 21 st March	Parental Engagement – Are you smarter than an 8 or 9 year old? Quiz afternoon - parents, family and friends invited from 2pm.

Yours sincerely

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