

# Welcome to Year 4!

We hope that you have had a relaxing summer holiday and are ready to begin our exciting learning journey in Year 4!

The Year 4 team this year is made up of myself (Mrs Powell), Mrs Gibbons, Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Duff. We look forward to working together, with you, to support your children as they grow as an individual and in their learning throughout the year.

This term our topic is Ancient Egypt. This topic will provide us with lots of hands-on learning experiences to develop our understanding and will be linked to other curriculum areas.



Class Novel: *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.



## Topic

This term we will be travelling back in time all the way to Ancient Egypt! We will imagine we are Egyptians, living by the River Nile so we can understand their way of life. Then we will begin retracing Howard Carter's steps, deep into the tomb of Tutankhamun (let's hope we don't get cursed!). We will even learn all about the gory process of mummification that the Egyptians used to preserve the Pharaoh's body!

## English

In English, we will remind ourselves of all the skills we have previously learnt. Then we will dive into our imagination to create some amazing writing pieces.

Our class novel will provide us with inspiration for our writing. We will step into the shoes of Lucy Pevensie as she enters Narnia, exploring what she will encounter and how she might feel. We will then create our own fairytale story that will take us through a portal (I wonder where we might end up?).

Next, we'll dive into amazing folktales where clever animals play tricks and teach us important lessons. You'll have the opportunity to create your own clever animals, daring tricks and interesting morals in a folktale that's all yours!

## Maths

To start with, we will recap our of knowledge of place value. This will help us master addition and subtraction using the formal written method. We will have lots of practical activities and resources so we can channel our inner mathematicians.

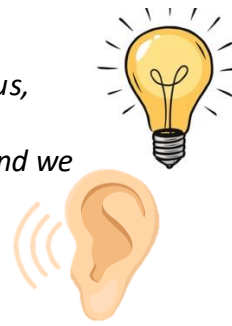
Next, we will move on to multiplication and division. We will be competing in lots of competitions and supermover sing-alongs, to help us embed these facts into our heads.

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## Science

In Science, we will begin by exploring electricity. We will consider how electricity is useful to us, before moving on to create our own circuits (we won't get electrocuted don't worry!). After half term, we will move on to our sound unit. We will learn about how sound travels, and we will investigate how different materials can affect pitch. Both topics will provide us with lots of opportunity for active investigations.



## Art/DT

This term we will start with DT where we will use our knowledge of circuits to create a nightlight! Then we will move onto Art where we will make our own stencils to create a bright, tessellated design.

## Music

In Music, we will become pop stars by playing rhythm and pitch games and learning the song 'Mamma Mia' by ABBA. I can't wait to hear your singing voices!

## Computing

This term we will focus on developing our understanding of technology and how we can use it. We will develop our researching skills, reinforcing safety online. Then we will create an eye-catching newspaper report linking to our RE learning.

## PE

PE will take place every Tuesday so please ensure your child arrives at school wearing the correct PE kit (joggers when it is cold). This term children will be focussing on Athletics and then they will move on to learn about different types of Invasion Games such as benchball.



## RE

In RE we will begin by exploring Christianity, with our first topic being 'God, David and the Psalms'. Then, as Christmas approaches, we will begin exploring the symbolism of light. Both topics will provide children opportunities to engage in deeper thinking and reflection.



## French

In French, the children will continue to develop their language skills through the topic of 'Numbers, Calendars and Birthdays'.

# How to help at home:

**Times tables:** In Year 4, the times tables are extremely important as children will have to take the national times tables check later on in the year. We will spend time daily learning all the times tables up to 12x12, which the children will be tested on weekly. You can support your child further by practising with them at home and encouraging them to access the websites below.

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

**Reading:** Please support your child by reading together at least 3 times a week and signing their diary after each read. The children will now have responsibility to change their book as and when is necessary. If your child reads 5 or more times in a week, they will get a chance to dip in the prize box. Additionally, children will also be able to choose a 'reading for pleasure' book from the library to bring home and develop their love of reading.

**Homework:** Homework will be set on a Friday and is expected to be handed in by the following Friday. Homework will mainly consist of times tables practice, spellings and an English or Maths activity that reinforces an aspect of learning from the week.

**Getting in Touch:** Any messages, worries or concerns can be sent to the Year 4 email ([yearfour@croston-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:yearfour@croston-pri.lancs.sch.uk)), which I will check each morning in school. Please contact the office directly with any medical appointments or any other urgent matters.