



St Mark's CE Primary School

'Loving to Learn, Learning to Love'

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2

Were the Ancient Egyptians truly gruesome?

During this half term, Year 4 will be building on their knowledge of the Bronze Age and studying the Ancient Egyptians. They will learn about the Ancient Egyptian society, the discovery of Tutankhamun, Egyptian gods, beliefs around the afterlife and the importance of pyramids. To finish the topic, we will look at the legacy of Ancient Egypt.

English

This half-term, we will use the fictional story of 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx.'

We will focus on narrative writing, creating defeating the monster stories and developing our expanded noun phrases. For the second part of the half term, we will write diary entries exploring characters' thoughts, feelings, actions and motives.



Reading

Please continue to listen to your child read every night at home. We recognise at times that this is not an easy task, but we thank you for your commitment to this.

All children who read 5 times a week are put into our weekly raffle to win a brand-new book.

The children will have daily guided reading sessions as well as reading individually with the class teacher or support staff.



Maths

In Singapore maths, the children will be focusing on methods for multiplication and division. We will start by looking at the links with our times tables and then applying these to short written methods of multiplication and division.

All children have access to Times Table Rock Stars online. Please encourage your child to access this at home as it will help with their multiplication skills.



Science

In science, Year 4 will be exploring electricity. We will be looking at appliances that run on electricity, creating simple circuits and adding in switches to control the flow of electricity.

Through this unit, the children will be developing their predicting skills to decide if circuits will work or not and to see if objects are conductors or insulators of electricity.

P.E.

For children in **4C and 4W** PE will be on a **Monday morning**.

Please ensure that your child is in their PE kit on those days. Our PE kit is black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps or trainers.