



September 2018

Dear parent/carer

We would like to welcome all our pupils, and their families, to Year 4.

The Year 4 teachers are Miss Collins (4LC), Mrs Griffiths (4FG), Mrs Moore (4FM) and Miss O' Doherty (4KD). We also have three Teaching Assistants, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Demarco and Mrs Young, working with us.

Starting the year as we intend to continue, we will be working very hard and expecting great things from our pupils. High standards are set in all areas especially behaviour, academic work and appearance, with consideration for others being a key element in our Church of England School. Children who encounter difficulties coping with any aspect of school life are sensitively helped in a variety of positive ways. We want every child to develop and maintain a high self-esteem. School uniform is an important aspect of gaining this sense of pride and we do ask parents to ensure that all pupils are correctly attired for school.

Over the next half term, Year 4 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on Ancient Egypt.

In History and in Geography, we'll be learning about:

- Ancient Egyptian writing
- the various Egyptian Gods
- the ritual of mummification
- how and why the pyramids were built
- the social hierarchy of Ancient Egypt

The pupils' learning will culminate with an Ancient Egyptian day on Monday 22 October where the pupils will be able to dress up and participate in a range of activities. Following their learning on Egyptians, pupils will have an exciting opportunity to see a Horrible Histories Egyptians production live in High Wycombe.

In Art, we'll be learning to use charcoal. Pupils will practise blending, hatching, crosshatching and stippling techniques. Their final piece will comprise of a series of black and white sketched leaves contrasted by a coloured jungle animal.

In DT, we'll be exploring the different types of kites and the history behind them. Pupils will then design their own kite and make a kite using equipment provided. These will be then tested and evaluated.

In Music lessons, we will be listening and appraising 'Mamma Mia' and improvising a small group ensemble. From February, pupils will need a recorder for music lessons. If you could provide this for your child, it would be greatly appreciated.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you.

If your child has research to undertake, we ask you to support them. It is important your child can read, understand and extract the relevant parts, rather than printing information directly from the internet. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

By the end of each topic, we hope your child has had an enjoyable time in the classroom and we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments about the work your child has done, please get in touch.

Furthermore, to enhance communication between school and home, we would appreciate that you continue to listen to your child read regularly, record this in their planner and sign it at the end of every week. Every week, your child will receive Maths and English homework alongside five spelling words.

If you have any other questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us either at the beginning/end of the day, through the office or via your child's planner.

We look forward to meeting you at our 'Meet the teacher evening' on Monday 10 September at 6.30pm for a brief presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions and meet each teacher to ask questions and meet each other.

Yours sincerely

Miss Collins (4LC)
Mrs Griffiths (4FG)
Mrs Moore (4FM)
Miss O' Doherty (4KD).