

## Our English Learning

- Linked with our text, 'The Tear Thief' children will be writing police reports based on fictional eye-witness accounts.
- They will be writing a descriptive narrative, entitled 'The Smile Giver' drawing on language choices experienced in 'The Tear Thief'.
- They will develop their writing by engaging with speaking, listening and drama activities.
- Increasing the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting.
- Increasing children's reading fluency to ensure they are adept enough to process and tackle Y4 texts with confidence.

You could help your child with their English learning by:

- Reading with them every night and signing their Reading Record.
- Practise their spellings and checking their ability to spell the Year 3 and Year 4 words.

In RE:

- Children will be learning about Christmas, with a particular focus on exploring the symbolism of light.



## YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

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The title of our current History unit is

### 'What did the Ancient Egyptians believe?'

Our History unit this term is 'What did the Ancient Egyptians believe?' Pupils will focus on the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians in particular. They will learn that the Ancient Egyptians consider their rulers to be gods and that they followed a polytheistic religion. This will be linked to their buildings and death rites. They will learn how religion formed a huge part of life from Pharaohs to artisans.

Other news & updates about our class:

- We will be continuing to learn to play the ukulele; these whole-class lessons will be delivered by an expert every Friday and are free of charge.
- PE will be held on a Tuesday and a Thursday. They should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. PE kit comprises: white t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and trainers or pumps.
- **Earrings must not be worn during PE; if the child is unable to take these out independently, then earrings should not be worn on Tuesdays or Thursdays as these are PE days.**

In Design and Technology this half-term, we will be learning about the role that Steve Jobs played in advancing technology.

***No question is too small; please pop in and see me if you have any questions about how you can help at home.***

## Our Mathematics Learning

This half-term we will be working...

- To recognise that perimeter is the distance around the edge of a 2-D shape.
- To know that perimeter is measured in units of length.
- To recognise that the perimeter of a rectangle can be calculated by addition and multiplication.
- To develop our knowledge and recall of 3x, 6x and 9x tables.
- To use knowledge of the 3x, 6x and 9x table to solve problems.
- To explain the relationship between multiples of 3 and multiples of 6.

You could help your child with their Maths learning by:

- Practising times tables including division facts.
- By the end of Year 4, the majority of children should know their times tables up to 12x12, in order, out of order and division facts.

In Science our new unit is States of Matter. We will compare and group materials according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. We will learn about the water cycle and the link between evaporation and temperature. We will investigate which materials can exist in multiple states.