



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4 Term 1 2021/2022

Hello! Welcome to Year 4! We hope you have all enjoyed a fantastic Summer break, full of adventure and spending time with family. We cannot wait to start our amazing learning. Below we have detailed what we will be covering in our first term up to the half term break. If you have any questions please speak with any member of SLT or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

A few reminders before we kick off the new year!

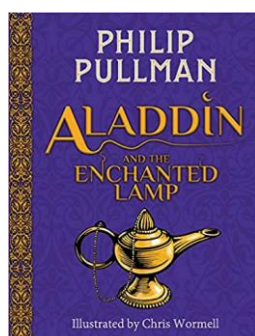
- We ask that children come to school in their full school uniform. Please refer to our school website for further information on this - <https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/school-uniform>
- We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack.
- We would also like to reiterate that we encourage our KS2 children to bring in a **healthy snack** from home to have at break time. **This may include a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.** Other snacks (such as crisps, biscuits and chocolate) are only to be eaten at lunch time if they are brought in at all. Thank you.

I hope you have all had a lovely Summer and are excited to start Year 4! I am very much looking forward to returning to normal and getting to know you all as well as welcoming some new faces! We have lots to look forward to this term. We will all shine!

Miss Spencer ☺

English

In English this term, we will be looking at the tale of Aladdin and the enchanted lamp written by Philip Pullman. We will be focussing on using lots of figurative language techniques to really engage the reader and



Maths

In Maths this term we will develop our understanding of place value. We will be focussing on understanding the importance of zero, recognising the place value of each digit in a 4 digit number as well as finding 100 and 1000 more/less than a given number.

add a sense of magic and wonder to our writing.

Reading

In your child's reading record, we have attached some question prompts you might want to use when you read with your child. If you have any questions about how to support your child at home please speak with your class teacher at the end of a school day.



We will also be developing our addition and subtraction understanding by looking at mental methods to add and subtract 3 digit numbers.

$$\begin{array}{l} 34 + 9 = \\ 34 + 10 = 44 \\ 44 - 1 = 43 \end{array}$$

or

$$\begin{array}{l} 83 - 38 = \\ 83 - 40 = 43 \\ 43 + 2 = 45 \end{array}$$

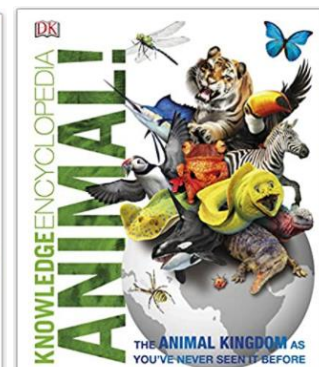
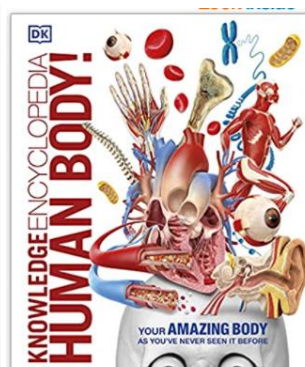
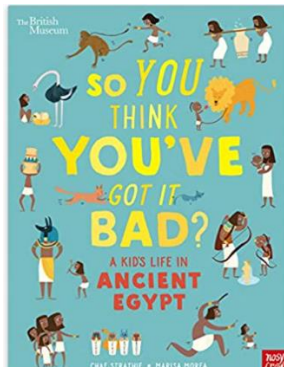
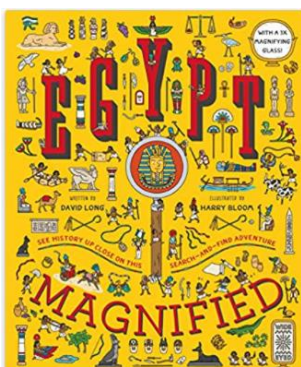
If you would like any information on how we teach these methods in class or guidance on how to support at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.





Topic Subjects

Our Foundation Subject Topic this term is 'Walk like and Egyptian!' We will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptian period and investigating their advanced civilisation, the Gods they worshipped as well as the significant figures of that era. During our topic, we will be exploring the use of hieroglyphs, mummification and the reign of Tutankhamun. Within our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning, we will be focussing on the human body and online safety. Please refer to the knowledge organiser to better understand what your child is being taught in this term's topic.

Term 1 Reading Spine

This is the book children will be exploring during this topic. It has been carefully selected as a high quality text to support your child's learning of the curriculum. We invite children to read this book during their free-reading time in school but you may also want to grab a copy for your own bookshelves at home!



	<p>Your child will be taking part in P.E on Wednesday and Thursday. We are now able once again to use our cloakroom spaces. However, we are going to continue to ask that children come to school dressed in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E. We would like to remind our families that this involves wearing their teams coloured T-shirt (plain, no slogans), black/navy blue shorts or black/navy blue jogging bottoms and trainers/daps. Usual school sweatshirt/ cardigan can be worn with this – no other sweatshirts to be worn please. If you do not know which house your child is in, please email the class email address- asiaclass@sgmail.org.uk.</p>
	<p>We will be sending home your child's homework for the entire term. This will include the term's spelling words/rules and Maths Instant Recall Facts. We ask that you practise your spellings and number facts at home for homework. We would love to see any evidence of these activities in your homework books. We will be asking for homework books to be brought back into school on Wednesday 20th October. These will then be marked and returned to your child at the beginning of Term 2.</p>
	<p>We also ask that you read at least 5 times a week to develop your comprehension and fluency. In the coming weeks, we will be giving out login details for children to use on 'Purple Mash'. This is an online platform for those children who wish to practise their English and Maths even more at home! 😊</p>
	<p>Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day. Also please make sure that their belongings including school uniform, PE kit, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are all clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We ask children not to bring toys or items from home into school unless invited to do so by their class teacher.</p>

Year 4 Term 1 Key dates:

Wednesday 8th September – Egyptian BANG day! (Dress up as an Egyptian!)