



Autumn 2024 1st Half Term – Year 4

Hello and welcome from the new Team Heathland. We hope you all had a great Summer Holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

We have a busy year ahead and the aim of these updates is to keep you informed of team specific information and dates that will be useful to you. These will include things like dates for trips, workshops and important events. We also aim to give you an overview of what the children will be learning each half term. We will ensure that throughout the year we provide lots of opportunities to talk about how you can support your children at home with different activities for their learning.

The classes in Team Heathland are as follows:

Heather (Year 3) – Miss Wells, Miss Simpson and Mrs Butler

Sundew (Year 3&4) – Mrs Romany-Bhatt, Miss Mason, Mrs Mills, Mrs Hussain and Ms Callaghan

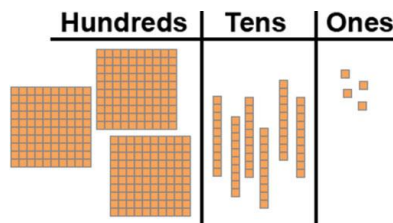
Bracken (Year 4) – Mr Pohl and Miss Kinsman

English

- ★ **Writing** - the children will spend this half term focusing on sentence structure, co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions. As a class, they will read Egyptian Cinderella and Secrets of a Sun King to help enrich their Egyptian understanding and literary knowledge.
- ★ **Reading**- the children will be focusing on comprehension skills and deepening their understanding of a text by bringing their own views and opinions.
- ★ **Spellings** – Your child will bring home their new 'Spelling Wall'. They will have five spellings to learn each week and will spend some time in class understanding how to practice new spelling words.

Maths

- ★ **Place Value**- we will re-cap our knowledge of place value, extending children's knowledge of bigger, and more complex numbers. This will also develop their skills to round numbers up and down.



- ★ **Four Operations**- we will be using our place value knowledge to secure our understanding of how to apply addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to problem solving. The children will then progress on to developing their formal written methods, for example, partitioning and column addition.

Foundation Subject focus areas

- ★ **Geography:**
Egypt – location and main biomes
- ★ **Computing:**
Computing systems and networks: collaborative tools
- ★ **RE:**
Hinduism - Diwali
- ★ **PE:**
Invasion games: Netball & Basketball
- ★ **PSHE:**
Mind-up curriculum
- ★ **Art Week focus:**
Line: Illustrations
- ★ **Science:**
Forces and Magnets
- ★ **Music:**
Ballads
- ★ **French:**
Talking about portraits; using adjectives

Foundation Subject *big questions* will be updated on the school website.

Team Heathland reminders for this half term

- ★ KS2 Prepare and Share will be handed out on a Wednesday and will be due in the following Wednesday. Children should be accessing TTRockstars and Numbots to support their mathematical learning. Please hear your child/ren read at least 4 times a week. If they do this for 10 weeks they can earn a special reading badge.
- ★ P.E. days are as follows:
Heather, Sundew and Bracken - Monday and Thursday

Many thanks for your support
Team Heathland