



Autumn 2022 2nd Half Term – Year 4

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We hope you had an enjoyable but restful break and feel ready for the busy term ahead. As we move into winter all children are expected to have a warm, waterproof coat with them in school every day and a labelled Hilltop water bottle. We would like to thank all those families who contributed water bottles for our poppy making. The poppies will be displayed in Windsor town centre in honour of Remembrance Day.

PE day changes:

Monday and Tuesday – Heather and Sundew
Tuesday and Thursday – Bracken

English

- ★ **Writing** - the children will spend this half term focusing on the story of The Egyptian Cinderella with a technical focus on subordinating conjunctions, clauses, tenses and speech with a focus on the use of commas. Their creative writing will be to write a diary entry as Rhodopis and her life experiences, to write an alternative ending to the story and to create conversations between two chosen characters.
- ★ **Reading**- our home reading aim is for children to be heard reading at least four times a week, if they do this across ten weeks they will earn their bronze reading badge. Our class reading text will continue to be Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll.
- ★ **Spellings** – please continue to support your child with their five weekly spellings in their blue spelling books.

Maths

- ★ **Addition and subtraction**
Our main focus during this half term will be building up to adding and subtracting four digit numbers with exchanging. Year 4 pupils will start with practising adding and subtracting mentally to build on those fluency skills of number knowledge. They will then move to using practical resources and an array of strategies to add and subtract.
- ★ **Multiplication and division**
Pupils will focus on the multiples and division facts of the 3, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables. They will then look at the pattern of multiplying and dividing by 1 and itself.
- ★ **TTRockstars**
Continue to play our KS2 battle and practise on 'soundcheck.'

Foundation Subject focus areas

- ★ **Geography:**
Egypt – location and main biomes
- ★ **History:**
Egypt – Pharaohs, pyramids and beliefs
- ★ **Computing:**
Programming
- ★ **RE:**
Christianity: Christian art
- ★ **PE:**
Badminton
- ★ **PSHE:**
Healthy and happy friendships. Caring and responsibilities.
- ★ **DT Week focus:**
Textiles
- ★ **Science:**
Magnets and electricity
- ★ **Music:**
Developing singing techniques
- ★ **French:**
Clothes and getting dressed

Foundation Subject *big questions* can be found on the school website.

Team Heathland reminders for this half term

- ★ Tuesday 15th November-Tuesday 22nd November – Book fair
- ★ Monday 21st November – DT week
- ★ Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December – Elfridges
- ★ Monday 12th December – KS2 Christmas Carols
- ★ Tuesday 13th December – Christmas panto
- ★ Thursday 15th December – Christmas parties
- ★ Friday 16th December – Last day of term with a 1pm pick up

Many thanks for your support
Miss Mason, Miss Reith and Miss Wells