Autumn 2026 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. We have lots of engaging learning planned. As we move into winter all children are expected to have a warm, waterproof coat with them in school every day please. Please ensure all items are labelled.

There is an exciting online tournament called **England Rocks**; this is through TTRockstars. Schools across the country will compete online in a times tables battle. The competition starts **Tuesday 17th November at 8am** – **Thursday 19th November at 6pm**. Children can earn points on any area of TTRockstars. The battle is open 8am to 6pm daily but children can only play for 30 minutes per day.

Change to PE days:
Monday and Thursday – Heather and Bracken

English

- ★ **Writing -** children will continue to identify and explore different parts of a sentence, including adverbs, adjectives, subjects and fronted adverbials to show where, when and how an action happens. They will use these features to write creatively, developing descriptive sentences and short pieces of writing linked to their learning about Ancient Egypt.
- ★ **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. 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

- ★ **History:**
  Egypt – history focus: Pharaohs, pyramids and beliefs
- ★ **Computing:**
  Online safety and computer systems and networks
- ★ **RE:**
  Christianity: Christian art
- ★ **PE:**
  Badminton
- ★ **PSHE:**
  Managing jealousy
- ★ **DT Week focus:**
  Textiles
- ★ **Science:**
  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

- ★ Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December – Elfridges
- ★ Friday 11th December – Christmas jumper day
- ★ Monday 14th December – Carols by candelight at 6pm
- ★ Wednesday 16th December – Christmas lunch
- ★ Thursday 17th December – Christmas parties
- ★ Friday 18th December – 1pm finish

Many thanks for your support
Team Heathland