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Dear Parents/Carers of all children in Year 4,

**Year 4 Half-Termly Information Letter – Spring Term 1 2024**

Thank you for your support throughout your child's first term in Year 4. We hope that you had a lovely break over the holiday. Important information for this half term is below.

**Maths**

In the Summer term there will be a statutory Multiplication Check for all year 4 children. In order to prepare them, please continue to support your child to learn their times tables facts, up to 12 x 12. The focus for this half term will be the 11 and 12 x table. Children have login details to allow access to Times Tables Rockstars at home, using the website <https://ttrockstars.com/>. We expect the children to practise for **15 minutes** a day at home.

**Reading**

This term in Guided Reading we will be reading a book linked to our history topic, 'See Inside Ancient Egypt' by Rob Lloyd Jones and studying the poem 'From a Railway Carriage' by Robert Louis Stevenson. We will be focusing on developing children's comprehension skills and extending their vocabulary.

Your child will continue to bring home a book that they have chosen. Please read with your child at home on a daily basis and record a comment in their reading diaries. Book bags must be brought to school daily please. Children are expected to read at home for **at least 30 minutes a day**. Reading is monitored weekly. Children will be able to take Accelerated Reader tests in class and at home.

**Spellings**

Over this half term we will continue to learn words from our personal and statutory spelling list. We will also look at words spelt 'gu' (for example: guide, guitar) and words ending in 'ture' (for example: nature, picture). In addition, we will also be investigating homophones, words which sound the same but are spelt differently (for example: seen / scene)

**Home Learning**

Please have a look at our starter ideas for projects on 'The Ancient Egyptians' that you could complete at home with your child. Do bring in any completed projects to share with the class.

**PE**

Please continue to send children into school in clothes that they can exercise in without the need to change for PE. On Tuesday's this half term children will be doing Gymnastics so will need to make sure that they are suitably dressed as they will need to do this in bare feet. This term we will be continuing our swimming lessons at Kings Hedges Learner Pool, starting 11<sup>th</sup> January. Children will need to have their **swimming kit in school every Thursday**. As the weather is cold and changeable, please make sure your child wears a waterproof coat and has a pair of wellies at school to change into. Children will need to remove earrings for PE and long hair must be tied back. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it.

**General reminders:**

- Please remind your child to bring in a plastic see-through water bottle daily (no metal bottles please)
- We continue to keep good levels of ventilation in school, so layers of clothing will be useful as the weather continues to be cold.

Yours sincerely,  
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Year 4 teachers