Dates for the Diary

- ⇒ Meet the teacher drop in - 6th Sept
- ⇒ KMS Cross-Country qualifying - Thurs 19th Sept
- ⇒ Liddington Parents' information evening - 24th September at 3.30pm
- ⇒ Harvest festival - 11th Oct
- ⇒ International Week 21st Oct
- ⇒ Parents Evening - 22nd and 23rd Oct
- ⇒ Half Term Holiday: 25th Oct – Monday 4th November
- ⇒ Penguin assembly - 8th November
- ⇒ Eagles assembly - 22nd November
- ⇒ Assessment Week - 25th November
- ⇒ Xmas arts and crafts day - 29th November
- ⇒ Panto visit - 10th Dec
- ⇒ Carol concert - 20th Dec
- ⇒ End of term - 3.15 pm 20th Dec
- ⇒ Xmas holiday - 23rd Dec - 6th Jan
- ⇒ INSET day - Monday 6th Jan
- ⇒ Liddington - 28th—30th April 2025 TBC

Equipment

- ⇒ Reading diary and reading book everyday.
- ⇒ Labelled, clear bottles for water during lessons.
- ⇒ P.E. Kit to be worn to school every Tuesday in term 1 and every Friday in term 2. PE kit can also be worn on swimming days.
- ⇒ Swimming costume (one- piece) / trunks, swimming cap and towel for swimming. Every Thursday, all year.

Additional Info.

Please note that jewellery must not be worn in school (small studs and watches are the exception, but must not be worn during P.E.).

⇒ **HOMEWORK:**
In accordance with our homework policy, Year 4 pupils will continue to be set the following on a weekly/daily basis.

- Spellings (New lists every Thursday, handed in following Tuesday)
- Maths – Children are asked to complete a set page from their homework book (weekly on Thursday, completed by Tuesday) and practice their times tables. Tables test every Friday.
- Reading (10/20 minutes 4 times a week) Children should read to an adult or elder sibling but independent reading is also encouraged. Please record all reading at home in reading diaries.

We encourage children to record their thoughts in their reading records (i.e book reviews, likes, dislikes)

- Literacy - Extra literacy homework will be sent out at various times throughout the year.

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CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2024

Year 4

Welcome to the Autumn Term

Our topics this term will be The River Nile. We will be investigating the importance of rivers around the world before moving on to the River Nile and the ancient civilisation that grew up next to it. We will find out what life was like during this period, by researching and analysing artefacts. We will also take a look at their beliefs and customs.

During our Science lessons we will be learning about solids, liquids and gases in our States of Matter topic. After half term we will study electricity, including investigating and comparing which materials conduct electricity and electrical safety.

In Art we will be using different media to create pieces of work linked to our Rivers and Egyptian topic. We also have INTERNATIONAL WEEK to look forward to!

In PE, in addition to weekly swimming sessions, we will be developing our gymnastics skills during term 1 and our dance skills during term 2. We will also be preparing for cross country and rugby events.

Computing this term will allow children to become meteorologists. After that, they will use their programming skills to design their own moving toys on Scratch.

Literacy

This term we will be focussing on 'The River Singers' which will run alongside our Rivers topic. We will then move on to Imaginary World stories, poetry, recounts and newspaper reports. In written work we will continue to emphasise the importance of punctuation, organisation and spelling strategies.

There will be a great importance placed on reading this year and we are keen that children enjoy their reading and choose stimulating and challenging books. Pupils will select appropriate personal reading books at school and will be encouraged to change these regularly.

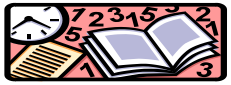
Please encourage your child to read at home and make regular comments in their reading diaries.

Reading diaries will be checked regularly during guided reading sessions. Children can earn lots of rewards for their reading comments and keeping their diaries up to date.

Maths

Maths will focus on the four main operations (+, -, ÷, ×) during this term. We will also be studying place value, length and decimals.

Children are asked to tackle their homework independently at first but may also seek help from an adult if necessary. If your child is unable to grasp the concepts involved, they can seek extra help from their teacher. There is a weekly homework club that is available to children who find it difficult to complete it at home.



Providing opportunities for your child to practise everyday skills such as handling money, telling the time and weighing food in the kitchen will contribute towards your child's numerical development.

TIMES TABLES

All year 4 children will be completing a government times table check in June so please also encourage your child to continue practising their 3x, 4x, 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x, 11x and 12x tables (once 2x, 5x, & 10x is secure).

There will be a weekly speed tables check in school along with monitoring of their knowledge using TTRockstars. Please encourage your child to use TTRockstars at home regularly, where they will find regular battles between classmates and a Penguin vs Eagle competition.

There is also a prize at the end of term for the child in each class who has gained the most achievements on TTRockstars.