

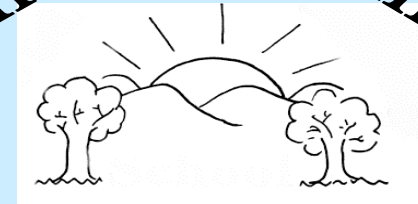
Notices/Reminders

<u>Indoor Kit</u>	<u>Outdoor Kit</u>
White t-shirt Navy blue shorts A pair of plimsolls	White t-shirt Tracksuit A pair of trainers

Please ensure that children have an indoor and an outdoor P.E. kit.
Children only require this P.E kit on a Wednesday and Friday.

Homework Challenges Spring 1	Homework Challenges Spring 2
Key skills in Writing Due back Tuesday 13th January	Key skills in Maths Due back Tuesday 3rd March
Key skills in Maths Due back Tuesday 20th January	Key skills in Writing Due back Tuesday 10th March
Key skills in Writing Due back Tuesday 27th January	Key skills in Maths Due back Tuesday 17th March
Key skills in Maths Due back Tuesday 3rd February	Key skills in Writing Due back Tuesday 24th March
Key skills in Writing Due back Tuesday 10th February	Easter Holiday Homework Research on our Summer Term Topic 'Rivers' Due back: Tuesday 14th April
Half term Homework Research Egyptian art. Due back: Tuesday 24th February	

Normanby Primary



School



Year 4

Mr Wood Mrs Gills Mrs D'Inverno
Mrs Burke

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you a Happy New Year and hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things that Year 4 children will be doing over the Spring term. This term we will be studying the River Nile and how this vital water source benefitted the Ancient Egyptians. We will be linking this to many areas of the curriculum.

English

This half term, the children will be writing a non-chronological report about the River Nile, writing a story from another culture based on the life of an Egyptian farmer in contrast to that of an Egyptian nobleman and finally writing a persuasive 'holiday brochure' exploring River Nile cruises with an ancient twist! The second half term, they will write a story based on a traditional Egyptian tale and also write a newspaper report using the Top Gear Africa Special (where they travel around Africa to find the source of the Nile river) as a stimulus. By the end of the episode, they claim to have discovered the real source in a pile of rocks!

Mathematics

Our focuses for this half term include Fractions (equivalents, decimals and fractions of quantities) Measurement (time and area), Shape and finally Addition and Subtraction (written methods and problem solving). Next half term, the focuses will be Position and Direction, Statistics, Place Value, Multiplication and Division (written methods and problem solving). The children will continue to learn their times tables and corresponding division facts daily, practise recall of multiples and factors and continue to complete a weekly Schofield & Sims mental maths test. In Year 4, we continue to use numeracy workout daily. We encourage use of this website at home: www.numeracyworkout.co.uk (Username:Normanby/Password: window)

Science

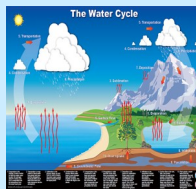
Our Science topic for the first half term is 'States of Matter' (solids, liquids and gases). The children will be comparing and grouping materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases and observing that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. They will then measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C). Linked with Geography, they will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation.

Computing

Using the iPads and chrome books the children will be using their Purple Mash accounts to continue their journey as digital citizens, creators and communicators. They will be focusing on Data (create a database with different fields), Understanding Technology (searching using the internet, advertising and pop-ups), Using Technology effectively (using multi-media tools and providing constructive criticism to modify work) as well as Programming (2DIY to create games with levels) and Keeping Safe (understanding how passwords work, keeping private information private and how to collaborate respectfully online.). The children will also have the opportunity to use iPads and chrome books to explore other areas of Purple mash.

Geography /History

In History, we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians focusing on the benefits the River Nile gave to the people of Ancient Egypt and how this life source enabled them to grow as a society. In Geography, we will be using globes, atlases and maps to locate countries and cities. Our main focus for this half term will be the Water Cycle, linking this with Science, focusing on the processes that make up the water cycle.



Design Technology and Art

In D&T children will be making pop up books. In Art, we will be exploring Egyptian art work and artists focusing on creating an Egyptian style painting.



Music

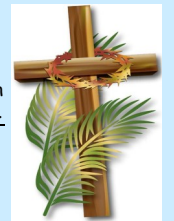
In Music, Mr Nixon will be providing recorder lessons every Thursday. We will also be practising singing the songs for our Easter show coming up next half term.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education

In P.S.H.C.E. this term the children will be taking part in circle time activities focusing on 'Going for Goals' and 'Good to be me'. Children will have Circle Time discussions about; taking responsibility, persistence, and resilience. They will talk about their own goals and achievements they are proud of, as well as supporting others.

Religious Education

We will be using the updated Redcar & Cleveland syllabus for RE and focusing on two key questions this term: Why is lent such an important time for Christians? And How and why do religious people pray?



French

We will be extending our speaking and listening skills in French and we will continue to use the Catherine Cheater scheme of work focusing on: basic conversational skills, following instructions, numbers, colours and animals.

Physical Education

In P.E. this term the children will be working with Mr Robinson and Miss Conroy developing their skills when playing team games and also developing dance skills.

Dates for your diary!

Final Zenith Residential payment: TBC

Maths Day—whole school-Friday 23rd January

Mid Term reports sent home: Friday 6th February

Parent Consultations: Monday 9th February & Tuesday 10th February

PD Day (Professional Development Day) - Friday 13th February

Half Term: School closes on Thursday 12th February and due back on Monday 23rd February

World Book Day (dress up as your favourite character) - Thursday 5th March

Swimming lessons - From 23rd March (10 sessions)

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