

Important Dates

Friday 10th January – Homework Celebration Assembly

Thursday 16th January – Parents' Evening Booking opens

Monday 27th January – STEAM Week starts

Thursday 30th January – Trip to Tate Britain

Tuesday 4th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February 1:40 – 7pm – Parents' Evening (*Children finish at 1:30pm*)

Friday 14th February – Last day of term

Monday 24th February at 8:45am – First day back at school



Year Four Nicaragua and Mexico Spring 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter



Homework

Homework is handed out on **Friday** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**. Homework consists of English and Maths tasks that will consolidate the work they have learned that week.

A regular part of homework is weekly **spellings**. We practise these in class and children are tested on these on Friday.

Also, please practise the **times tables** with your child. Our focus this half term is the 6X, 7X and 9X. Please encourage your child to use the Timestable Rockstars app to support their timetables learning.

It is essential that your child **reads every day**! Reading is a fantastic way for your children to expand their vocabulary, increase their knowledge and improve their writing. *They should complete in their Home Reading Journal at least 5 times a week and should bring it to school every day.*

It is important that your child does their homework – please help them by making sure they have time to do it.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Winter Holiday. It is lovely to see your children in class, keen and eager to learn.

This term, Year 4 have the exciting opportunity to step back in time to Ancient Egypt and explore what life was like under the powerful Pharaohs. In science our new topic is States of Matter, where we will explore different materials and how they change when heated or cooled.

Should you wish to talk to us about your child's progress, please feel free to talk to us after school or make an appointment.

We hope to see you all at the Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 12th February**. Please do make sure you book an appointment.

We look forward to being part of the Alexandra Primary school community and working with you and your child.

Warmest wishes

Ms Ahmet, Miss Yardley, Ms Calin, Ms Krumova and Mrs Conway

The Year 4 Team

Writing

This term we will be writing in a variety of different genres. We will be starting the half term exploring The Iron Man and writing our own version of this. For STEAM Week, we will be writing a biography of a famous scientist. We will be finishing the half-term writing our own instructions and linking this to the Egyptians.

Mathematics

We will recall and practise the 4X and 5X table and learning the 8X table. We will be revisiting fractions and learning about decimals. We will also be using formal methods to complete addition and subtraction calculations.

History

As historians, we will be delving deep into the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. We will be studying the mummification process and comparing life in Ancient Egypt to life in modern Britain. We will even have a go at becoming mummies ourselves! *How long ago was the Ancient Egyptian period?*

Science

As Scientists, we are going to work scientifically to conduct experiments. We will create questions, hypothesis, experiment, observe and record our conclusions. We are going to compare and group materials according to whether they are solids, liquids and gases. *What are some examples of solids, liquids and gases?*

Reading

We will continue with Destination Reader, a reading programme to develop our reading skills of *inference, prediction, clarifying, summarising, evaluating, asking questions and making connections* through our daily reading lessons.

Writing and Reading
*First person narrative
Biographies
Instructions*

Mathematics
*Fractions
Decimals
Mental strategies
Addition
Subtraction*

History
*Ancient
Egypt*

Science
States of Matter

Computing

We will be learning about word processing and how to use Publisher.

Computing
Word Processing



PSHCE
Let's Work

PSHCE

We will explore our responsibilities of being part of a family. We will look at jobs and roles within our community and how this links with earning money.

RE
Christianity

RE

We will be learning about Christianity and how their religion is practiced.

In design and technology this term, we will be using our knowledge of Ancient Egypt to create mummy masks. *What materials are we going to need to make our masks?*

Art
Mummy Death Masks

Music
Drums and Jazz

Music

We will be learning the drums in the context of jazz music.

Physical Development
Dance / Gym Basketball

Spanish
Conversational Spanish

Spanish

We will continue to learn conversational Spanish about our countries.

Physical Development

Children must bring their complete PE kit every week.
Nicaragua and Mexico: Wednesday and Friday