

# Year 4 Newsletter – Spring Term 2



Dear Parents/Carers:

We hope you all had a restful half term. We are really looking forward to working with your children this half term. As per usual, the following is an overview of what your child will be taught in the second half of the Spring term, as well as some general timetabling information.

We will continue to explore our big question, **Why do ideas change over time?** We will use this question to draw links across the curriculum from enquiries involving the development of theories and predictions over time. We will also look at how this question links to our school values particularly responsibility and fairness.

In **English**, we will continually delve into the exciting world of **Ancient Egypt**. To engage the children, they will be exploring life in Ancient Egypt, it's key landmarks; Egyptian gods, Egyptian fairy tales and ultimately creating their own fairy tales. For the majority of this half term, the children will be studying the life of Tutankhamun and Howard Carter.

We will be continuing our **Reading** program: Destination Reader. We would like you to discuss the key skills of reading with your children (predicting, making connections, asking questions, evaluating, inferring, summarising and clarifying).

Our **Maths** focus this half-term will include: perimeter, fractions, and decimals. We will be solving word problems, developing our ability to explain and verify our working out. We will also be exploring mathematical concepts through our own investigations. Children will be practicing mental math strategies and arithmetic with a particular focus on times tables. Your child/ren have a times table rockstar login, please ensure they are frequently practising their multiplication fluency and rocking out online!

Our **Geography** topic will continue to be **Ancient Egypt**. We will be looking at early writing and the idea of civilisations.

In **Science**, our topic will be about **Electricity**. We will be investigating what makes a complete circuit and explore different kinds of circuits available.

In **DT**, we will be studying **Bridges**. The children will be learning about structure and how to build bridges. They will create intricate designs and explore different types of bridges.

Our overarching theme in **Religion** this term is: **“What is Holy Communion and how does it build Christian community?”** We will be learning about the symbolism around communion as well as the legacy of Jesus and famous Christians. We also be learning about famous Christians; this may be an inspiring footballer, singer, or scientist who also have a Christian faith.

**Physical Education** will be on **Wednesday and Friday**. This term, our topic is **Dance and Athletics**. The main PE session will be on Tuesday will be led by Anna who is the lead member of staff for PE at St Luke's. On Fridays, Mrs Naidoo and Mr Harrison will lead some additional P.E sessions. Children will wear their P.E kits for the whole of Wednesday and Friday.

In **French** this half-term, we will be learning all about the weather!

Finally, in **Music** we will be learning about different motifs and transposing music. A motif is a short, repeated pattern of notes and transposing is when we change a musical key, by starting on a different note.

**Homework** will continue to focus on times tables. The children have made excellent progress with their times tables this year and we are confident that they will continue to do so this half term! The project this term links in with our DT learning of making a bridge, your child can choose one of the options. Of course, this can be a PowerPoint or a 3D outcome depending on what your child prefers! The options are under the spellings.

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If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Naidoo, Mr Harrison, Lee, Kabita and Al-asma.

The Year 4 Teaching Team

