



Acre Heads Primary School



Year 4

Information for Parents

Autumn 2017

A warm welcome to Year 4 parents and carers from the Year 4 team.

The beginning of this term will see the children completing work towards our ongoing 'Investors in Pupils' status, which will focus on creating a class induction booklet, class and individual targets, looking closely at the roles of various members of staff and governors and an introduction to the school budget.

The main topic for this half term is 'The Incredible Egyptians' - always a firm favourite. The children will be learning where in time the Ancient Egyptians are placed, where Egypt is in relation to the rest of the world and how it looked during that time. They will also learn about Ancient Egyptian cultures and beliefs, which will involve, to the children's delight, the gruesome details of 'mummification'. To further enhance this topic, a visit will take place at the 'Hands-on History Museum', where they will take part in the following workshops: Discovering Egyptian Writing; Every Object Tells a Story and Mummification. (Further details and confirmed dates to follow.)



Homework for this first half term - Maths problems, which the children will receive each week and should be returned by the following week.

In the second half term our topic will be 'The Pantomime' - cries of "he's behind you!" will come leaping out as the children investigate the History of the Pantomime as well as all of the exciting and creativity that goes on behind the scenes. This will also lead into our whole school trip to see the pantomime at the newly refurbished Hull New Theatre. (More details to follow.)

Homework for the second part of the term is an Art/Design Technology project linked to the Pantomime. Can you design or make a pantomime prop or a pantomime program or poster?

Core Curriculum

We will continue to follow the Maths and English frameworks which will incorporate number work, problem solving, data handling and shape and space. English will focus on fiction, poetry, and non-fiction linked to our topic work for this term.

PE Sessions

Children will receive PE lessons from their class teacher each week and wherever possible will be outdoor. It is important that your child always has an outdoor and indoor PE kit available at all times (which must include a separate pair of trainers specifically for outdoor PE (an old pair would be ideal) and a pair of sandals for indoor PE.

PE Sessions: Wednesday

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kits to school on a Monday and take them home on a Friday as occasionally PE sessions could change.

Spelling

Both Smeaton and Drax will receive their Acre Spells on Tuesdays and will be required to return them by the following Monday at the latest. (If children can return them by Friday; each class receives extra Smiler Bears from Mrs Robinson.)

Please remember to continue to listen to your child read at least three times a week, help them with their spellings and practise their platforms.

In addition, please remember to bring your reading books, platforms and water bottles every day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Should you have any queries, please, do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Kay and Miss J Randall

