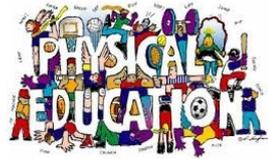


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P.E. TAKES PLACE ON  
MONDAY AND FRIDAY



SWIMMING IS ON  
MONDAY



PLEASE ENSURE YOUR  
CHILD HAS A PE KIT IN  
SCHOOL

# A NEW YEAR



## A new year

A warm welcome back to Year 4 after the Christmas break. We will continue to work through the curriculum, which we sent out at the beginning of the year. Working as a phase with Year 3 has been really beneficial so far, allowing us to plan exciting and stimulating lessons. We are looking forward to our trip to see the ballet of the Hare and the Tortoise, at Middlesbrough Theatre

## English & Maths

In English this term we will be looking at biographies, autobiographies and report writing. We will be tying this into our history topic work which continues to be about Egypt. We will be particularly paying attention to the discoveries of Howard Carter and the life and times of Tutankhamun.

In maths we are continuing to have a push on the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division before moving on to look at measures, perimeter of 2d shapes and types of angle. Then work on telling the time – any help with this at home will be most appreciated. In

Please keep  
revising times  
tables with your  
children at home.  
Learning / knowing  
their times tables  
has a dramatic  
effect on how  
confident the  
children are in

maths we are also now having a fortnightly arithmetic test, which concentrates on basic number work. This has replaced the weekly mental maths tests the children have previously done.

## Other highlights

In science the children will be going on to look at the skeleton and why it is important we have one, before moving on to looking at the digestive system. After half term they will be looking at food chains and the roles of predators and prey within them.

Our geography work will be looking at deserts and we will be tying this into our work on Egypt and asking the question: How did the Egyptians survive?

In PE the children are learning netball skills and swimming as well as a new scheme called 'Real PE', which focuses on skills adaptable to all sports.

Music will see the children developing their abilities in rhythm and pitch using glockenspiels and chime bars. Mr Nash will also be teaching Samba to 4N this half term and 4S next half term.

In RE children will be doing some work on why religious people pray and why prayer is important to them, before moving onto the Christian festival of Lent.

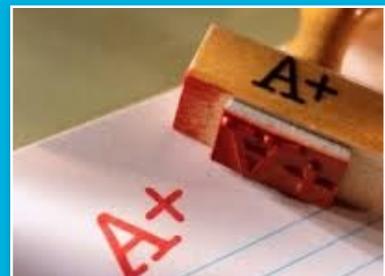
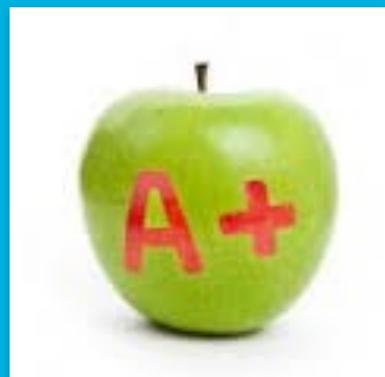
## Homework

The children should all be bringing reading books home from their current coloured book box. The children know which colour they have been moved onto this term. Please could you also assist us by asking your child to choose a variety of different books (fiction and non-fiction) to read with you at home? The children will also shortly be receiving a book mark each which will have questions that you can use when listening to your children read.

Over the next week or two the new take-away homework tasks for the spring term will be going up on the wall outside Miss Adamson's classroom. All children now have a pink homework book to take on Friday and return on Monday with a short piece of work to complete.

Many thanks, Y4 Team.

## Consultation evenings and reports



Please look out this half term for the letter inviting you in to school for the Spring Parents consultation.

In addition to the meeting with your child's teacher you will also receive a short written report on your child's current attainment and progress.