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Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

### Courage

Our vision, as a Church of England school, is for all of our children to **be courageous!**

For some children, we need to help them be **courageous** as they come into school. If your child is anxious about anything, do encourage them to speak up or feel free to speak to us yourselves.



We also want to encourage children to be **courageous** in their learning and personal development. In Year 4 we really want to encourage children to push on with their learning and not be afraid to take risks and, when needed, ask for help. With our support, they will hopefully gain confidence, be willing to take the initiative and learn to take more responsibility for themselves and others.

It's really important that children read every day. This should be independent for most children - but some may need to be more **courageous** in the number and challenge of books they read.

### Faith, Hope and Love

Our Christian values are not just confined to our times of worship, but permeate all that we do in the curriculum and beyond. For example, this term:

- In history, our topic on the Egyptians will open up questions about God and **faith**. We will think about the story of Joseph (and his coat of many colours!): a story of **faith, hope** and **love**.
- In DT we will be creating 'pyramid packaging' and planning how we can use these to **love** others. (Watch this space!)
- We are looking forward to finding out about electricity. Like **faith**, you can't see it, but can see the effects!
- Through 'zones of regulation' and 'empowerment' we will be thinking in PSHE about how to **love** our neighbour as ourselves.



The Year 4 team want to be **Inspirational, Inclusive** and **Innovative**. We are planning lots of exciting learning opportunities for our pupils. We want everyone to be part of the team and thrive. We are always thinking about how we can bring new ideas and fun to our lessons! We will ask for help from parents to enable us to be inspirational, inclusive and innovative – so do join us when the opportunity arises!

Kind regards

Team Year 4



# Year Four News

A newsletter for Sea Otter and Seahorse Parents

Autumn Term 2023

This term we will be studying Ancient Egypt. We'll be creating fact files about the children's favourite Gods and Goddesses, learning how to make a mummy, using gold and silver paints to design abstract Egyptian artwork.

## **Storyteller Visit**

Jamie Crawford will visit to tell the Ancient Egyptian myth of Osiris and Isis.



PE kits are needed in school on Wednesday for all and Thursday (Sea- Otters) Friday (Seahorses). Please ensure that all kit is in school ready for each lesson and that all items are labelled clearly.

## **We are reading**



We are reading Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll which links to our learning of the Egyptians.

## **Times Tables**

**Please help your child with learning their times tables up to 12 x 12.**

**Remember that they also need to understand how we relate the multiplication facts to the division facts:-**

$$3 \times 6 = 18$$

$$\text{so } 18 \div 6 = 3 \text{ and}$$

$$18 \div 3 = 6$$

For information on what we will be learning this term, please see the curriculum pages of our website. <http://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/site/data/files/curriculum/12E735F4C7F4E8992F042136BC9D8733.pdf>

## **Homework**

This term, homework will be set on Friday for the following week. This will include timetables practice and sometimes a task related to the following weeks learning. Please check Google Classroom. Please let us know if you would like a printed sheet.

## **Home reading.**

**Please encourage your child to bring home a book and to read every night.**

Children in Y4 are often able to read independently but they still benefit from some time reading with an adult. Adults can question children to help them gain a deeper understanding of the book.

## **End of the day and Making Appointments**

Please make yourself visible to your child's class teacher at home time, in case there is a message we need to pass on. We are always happy to talk to parents about any questions or concerns they have. Please feel free to catch us after school.