



Year 4



Welcome to our penultimate newsletter before the end of this half-term. So much great learning has been happening in all areas of the curriculum and attitudes toward learning have been really super from your children.

Topic and English

The children are becoming experts in Egypt and Africa and the enthusiasm and interest in learning about Egypt has been superb.

This week the children have been learning to write a narrative (story) set in Egypt, using their knowledge of technical language to write about a visit to a historical site in Egypt. They are developing their ability to describe characters and settings. Read a fantastic example written by Daniel

Mile's short black hair was as tangled as a map of curly knotted lands and seas...

Maths

In maths the children have been learning all the x tables to 12 x 12 and are gaining confidence in using their tables knowledge to divide. Please do support your child at home by practicing these – tables are one of the most important maths skills we use as adults.

We have learnt to find the area of surfaces – another life skill for when buying carpet, painting walls or wallpapering!

We are currently learning about fractions which will test our division skills.

A question from Skye: Is $\frac{3}{4}$ the same as $\frac{4}{3}$? What do you think? How could you prove your answer?

Despite the cold weather, Dickens and Parks have been getting outside for their weekly hockey lesson.

Over the last 4 weeks, their development of skills and positive attitude has been fantastic as they have learnt techniques and dug deep to keep going.

This week Dickens had their first small side games. Not only did they enjoy the opportunity to play hockey by putting their skills into practice, but they learnt being in a team and how to agree rules. At the end they all shook hands as a sign of respect for each other.

Events during the next two weeks:

PE: Tuesday afternoon

Indoor: Babbage and Nightingale

Outdoor: Dickens and Parks

(Children are allowed to wear leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt for outdoor P.E in the colder weather.)

(Please make sure all uniform including P.E. kit is named.)

Homework: All children are expected to practice their spellings and tables (including related division facts) through the week, plus read or share their reading with an adult (please sign the diary each time this happens). Additionally there are also topic tasks that children can do.