

# Year 4 Newsletter

February 2017

## Ancient Egyptians

The children have been using their Egyptian expertise to create a new exhibit for Birmingham Museum. They have been developing their clay skills by practising different techniques, such as extrusion, to create the head of a new God or Goddess. They were then sprayed gold and the children carefully painted their models using fine black, red and blue lines.

They have also looked at tessellation and overlapping patterns when designing and creating an Egyptian collar fit for a Pharaoh!

The children have then used their English skills to create an information board to go alongside their creations in the exhibition. The children presented their paragraphs using ICT and have even made some elements interactive by adding questions.

More photos of our museum to follow on the website. Watch this space!



This month's think is...



*Which is more important  
– being right or being  
nice?*

When thinking about your  
response, think about:

- \*What do you think?
- \*Why do you think it?
- \*Can you give an example?

**Answers on the Think board  
please!**

## Outdoor Learning Day

On Wednesday the children had a fantastic day learning outside. They put their drama skills to good use and created a short performance about the Egyptians. They also worked in small groups to see who could construct the biggest pyramid before putting their map reading skills to the test and locating different artefacts which were hidden around the school grounds.



## Learning at Home

### The Rainforest

For next half term we would like you to start finding out about the Rainforest. Below you will find a list of **suggested ideas that you may wish to do.**

#### Websites to visit:

<http://kids.mongabay.com/>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/rainforest.html>

#### Things to do:

- Use Kidrex and find out where the rainforests are. Research information to find out what it is like there, what the climate is like and what animals live there.
- Create an information page about the rainforest.
- Create a piece of art work to show the rainforest or an animal you would find in the rainforest.
- Visit the library and read non-fiction books or stories about the rainforest.

Bring all your lovely ideas in to school straight after half term for us to look at, use in our learning and display for everyone to see.

## Tea Day and World Book Day

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March



As it is also World Book Day, the children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character. Please note that as the children will be on their feet for a long time, they will need to come in sensible footwear.

The children will be serving in two time-slots:

**9:00-10:30 - Children in 4C and half of 4H**

**1.45-2:45 - Children in 4S and half of 4H**

Please note when your child will be serving, to ensure you are able to enjoy tea with them in the opposing slot if possible.

## Date for your diary

**1<sup>st</sup> March Cross Country Trials** – these will happen during the school day at Woodfield. Please make sure your child has an outdoor kit and trainers.

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Bikeability. More information to follow.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Trip to Botanical Gardens

**20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Pedestrian Training.

**23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Parental Engagement. 1.45pm – 2.45pm

A busy but exciting month for year 4!



## Thank You

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend Parents' Evening this week. It is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress and we enjoyed meeting with you to share this information.