

# Year 4 Newsletter

February 2018

## Ancient Egyptian Experts

We have all thoroughly enjoyed our work on Ancient Egypt this half term and have truly become experts. We enjoyed presenting what we had found out at an exhibition for Key Stage One. They loved looking at the artefacts we had made and later probed us with challenging questions, which of course we could answer. Many thanks to all of you at home for your support with homework as we have had some amazing pieces produced which have looked great on display in classrooms.

## Think

*If you could take a pill that would always make you happy, would you?*

Why?

Explain your reasoning on the Think board!

## Learning at Home

Next half term we will be looking to become Rainforest experts. We will be looking at the structure of the rainforest and the inter-relationships between plants, animals and the environment, as well as what happens if this delicate balance is altered or interrupted in some way.

Find out more by looking at some of these websites.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/15-cool-things-about-rainforests/#!/register>

<https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/kids>

You could visit the Birmingham Botanical gardens over the half term holiday and have a look around the green houses.

## Maths

We will be starting off the half term looking at multiplication and division. We will look at mental strategies to start with, then look at formal written methods.

<http://www.primarygames.co.uk/>

Try some of the activities on this website to keep your mental arithmetic sharp over the holidays.

(They are great fun too!)

**PE** days after half term -

Wednesday - Outdoor

Thursday - Indoor

## Synagogue Trip

We are in the process of organising a visit to a Jewish Synagogue in March. This will be a parent funded trip. The trip will form part of our R.E work on Judaism, festivals and traditions. We will let you know as we find out more details, timings and costings.

## Cross Country

Well done to all of our cross country runners. You did yourselves and your trainer, Mr Smith, proud during the Cross Country trails at Trinity High school this week. All your hard work during your Friday Challenge time was evident. Congratulations to our top 7 boys and top 7 girls who now go on to represent Oak Hill in the final of this event after half term.

## E-Safety

All pupils have taken part in a safer internet day at school as part of our ongoing commitment to staying safe online. Pupils are aware that should they come across things that make them feel uncomfortable online to let an adult they trust know about it immediately so that it can be dealt with.

## Dates for the diary

School re-opens Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Tea days- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Bikeability -28<sup>th</sup> February & 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Parents' evenings- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

