



Year 4 Autumn CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Friday 11th September 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after a lovely summer holiday, we hope that you and your family are rested and settling back into school life. We are ready for a year of fun and exciting learning opportunities as well as lots of hard work.

We are writing to give you some information about the term ahead to help you support your child during this very important time in their schooling.

TOPIC

Here at Chilton Primary we are trying to provide the children with a more creative curriculum that allows them the opportunity to make links between subjects and equip them with a breadth of skills. Our topic for this term will be Egypt which will encompass the following:

- History - Life in Ancient Egypt compared with life in Egypt today
 - Geography - Rivers
 - DT - Canopic jars
- ICT - Writing for different audiences
- Art - Hieroglyphics and tomb paintings
 - PE - Egyptian dancing

We will also be using our Egyptian as the main focus of our writing in literacy.

If you have any resources or expertise in any of these areas please let us know so that we can enrich the children's learning experiences further.

As part of the topic we will be holding an Ancient Egyptian day on Thursday 26th November. On this day children will be able to celebrate their learning and have the opportunity to experience Ancient Egyptian games, writing, crafts and much more. A letter with more details will follow in the coming weeks but get thinking about costumes!

SCIENCE

Our first term's science focus will be forces. Lessons will be mainly practical and allow children the opportunity to devise and carry out their own investigations.

MATHS

Maths units we will be following this term include:

- Counting, partitioning and calculating
 - Securing number facts
 - Understanding shapes
- Handling data and measures

LITERACY

The areas we will be studying in literacy this term are:

- Narrative - Stories from other cultures
- Non-fiction - explanation texts and persuasive writing