

# Year 4 Newsletter

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Please ensure your child brings a pencil with you to school every day. We don't like to waste time looking for and borrowing pencils in



## READING

Some children in Year 4 are not reading enough. Reading every day is crucial to develop reading skills. Good readers are also much better at spelling and writing. The only way to be a good reader is to practise every day. Reading records are monitored every Monday and children reading frequently win rewards for their groups.

## Homework

This is due in every Monday and children who don't hand it in every week may be at risk of getting a yellow sticker.

## Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. We have a very busy half-term ahead with lots of interesting new topics. Our history topic for this term is a new one which I'm very excited about, The Mayans. We will be looking at lots of different aspects of Mayan culture and will be linking this topic to literacy, art and numeracy.

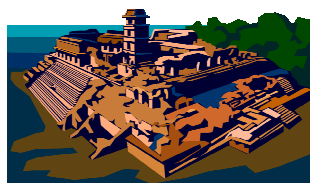


In literacy, we will be looking at non-fiction report texts and stories from different cultures.

In numeracy, we will be continuing our work on number, addition and subtractions, multiplication and division, fractions, measure, shape and data handling.

Our focus for RE this term is Judaism and in PE we will continue to develop our skills in gymnastics and dance.

In our art lessons we will be using The Mayans as our inspiration and looking at the drawings of Catherwood and Mayan pottery and hieroglyphics.



Please could you help us with the following:

- \* with our spellings that we get each week
- \* with our multiplication tables - we should be learning them thoroughly (up to 12 x 12)
- \* making sure we read daily
- \* completing our homework each week

Thank you for your help



In music we will be exploring melodies and scales and in ICT we will be creating a wiki page.



In French we will be learning how to tell the time as well as revising months of the year and learning how to say when our birthdays are.

PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday and swimming will continue this term on Fridays. Well done to those children who were awarded certificates last term.

