

# Year 4 News

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

## Another busy week!

This week we have been exploring the digestive system, finding out about reading blogs, planning designs for mechanisms and writing descriptions of a story setting! We've also dodged lots of rain showers and managed to get outside for PE. Well done to everyone for continuing to focus on your learning – whether at home or in school.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Walker, Mrs Skinner, Mrs Keilty  
and Mrs Hamilton

## HOME LEARNING

**Reading** – Children have now all been given a reading book. Children should aim to read at home for 15-20mins daily. This may be reading to an adult or independent reading. Please record reading in the green reading record.

**Spellings** – Each week, words chosen from the year 3/4 spelling list will be given as words to learn. This week's word is: possession

**Maths** – Activities will be set on MyMaths each week to follow up in class learning or revisit key skills. Children should spend no more than 30mins per week on these tasks. This week, there are two activities to practise column subtraction.

**Times tables** – Times tables are key to so many areas of maths so we would like children to try to spend a little bit of time practising regularly - every day if possible! This could be 5 mins on TTrackstars, quickfire questions, games such as tables bingo, or any other way you can think of to practise! Children can log on at <https://play.ttrackstars.com>

Times Table of the week this week is: 8x

**Optional Extras** – Sometimes children are keen to do something extra linked to their learning. We will give ideas but there is no requirement to complete these tasks. Our history theme this half term is 'Ancient Egyptian Beliefs'. If children would like to do an optional extra this half term, they could choose another aspect of Ancient Egyptian life to research.

## SUBJECT SPECIFIC VOCABULARY

Each week we will share vocabulary linked to the learning we have planned for the coming week. It is really helpful for the children to become familiar with some of these words before they meet them in their lessons. There is no need to produce any work linked to these words, a conversation at home about the words would be brilliant!

This week's words are

explain explanation paragraph structure thousands hundreds kg km

## NOTICES / REMINDERS

Cereal boxes – please keep bringing these in. We will soon be bringing our designs to life and need lots of cardboard!

Reading books + reading records – we'll remind children to bring these home each day, please remind the children to bring them back!