

KEY VOCABULARY

<b>ancient</b>	belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence
<b>civilisation</b>	the stage of human social and cultural development and organization that is considered most advanced
<b>Egyptian</b>	relating to Egypt or its people
<b>mummification</b>	a process in which the skin and flesh of a corpse can be preserved
<b>nilometer</b>	a graduated pillar or other vertical surface that serves to indicate the height reached by the Nile during its annual floods
<b>pharaoh</b>	the most important and powerful person in the kingdom
<b>solid</b>	firm and stable in shape; not liquid or fluid
<b>liquid</b>	a substance that flows freely but is of constant volume, having a consistency like that of water or oil
<b>gas</b>	a substance or matter having no fixed shape (unlike a solid) and no fixed volume (unlike a liquid)
<b>particles</b>	a minute portion of matter, eg. 'tiny particles of dust'

SUMMER 2 2023

Welcome to the second half of the summer term! This half term we have lots of exciting things to look forward to, such as Sports Day, our trip to Ingleton Waterfalls, the annual Spelling Bee and a creative arts competition in July.

Our multiplication check will take place next week, along with our other assessments the week after.

PE lessons will continue to take place on Tuesdays, so please remember to wear your Sherwood PE kit. As the weather is getting better please ensure your child comes to school with a clear labelled water bottle each day. Also, sun cream should be applied before coming to school and can then be reapplied at lunchtime.

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 4 team.

KEY KNOWLEDGE

In Science, our topic is 'Changing State', where we will study the differences between solids, liquids and gases, and investigate how they can change from one to another.

In History, the children will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will learn some of the ways in which people lived and about the different civilisations in this specific period.

In DT, we will be developing our sewing techniques, designing and making a cover for our ipad or tablet.

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

This half term we are reading Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T.S. Eliot. We will be enjoying the adventures of Macavity. At home, children are encouraged to read regularly with an adult and discuss the text read, as well as reading independently. Please ensure you are signing the home school diary each week, and when you have read with your child.

SPELLING FOCUS

rule/suffix	examples
Prefixes 'un-', 'dis-', 'in-', 're-', 'sub-', 'inter-', 'super-', 'anti-', 'auto-'	submarine automatic interfere disappoint
Suffix '-ly'	frantically happily
Suffix '-ous'	mountainous poisonous

KEY MATHS SKILLS

This half term the children will be developing their skills in the following maths units:

- Fractions
- 2-D and 3-D shape
- Statistics
- Place value

At home, children need to continue developing the fast recall of the time tables up to 12.