

Bell Farm Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2017



Year 4

Dear Parents/Carers,
It's been a very exciting term already and we are all looking forward to a very successful 2017. So far this term we have been learning about the Egyptians and studying The Lorax in English. Reading this book, we have encountered stories with strong morals and issues. Through this familiar structure we will be working towards creating our own story based on environmental issues. We have also enjoyed learning new strategies in maths through investigations and problem solving. In Art, Year 4 have been learning about different types of Egyptian art! We also can't wait for the Winter Disco! Thank you for your continued support.

From Mrs Stevenson.

What we're learning this term:

English: We are currently reading The Lorax; our next book will be The Mission to find Max: Egypt (Secret Agent Jack Stalwart). The focus this term will be on writing cursively, creating characters and settings through expanded noun phrases, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Maths: All four number operations and applying them to problem solving.

Science: Living things and their habitats; circuits

Art/DT: Egyptian masks; Egyptian burglar alarms

RE: Why is prayer important for Christians? How do Christians prepare for Easter?

Coming up soon!

- Elmbridge School Choirs Festival - 24th February - watch out for information soon!
- Year 4 trip to Gaveston Hall on 24th-26th May.
- World Book Day - 3rd March
- The Winter Disco for Year 4 is on Wednesday 8th February from 3.30 till 4.30pm.

UNCRC - What are we focusing on?

A key part to the daily life for Bell Farm is the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). In year 4 we are focusing on respecting everyone's rights but especially focusing on Article 13 - that children have the right to express their opinions freely and respecting others opinions. We have been doing this through our Philosophy sessions and PSHE. It is really encouraging to hear how the children can listen to, build upon or constructively contradict each other's viewpoints.

Bell Farm Values

This month's value is Simplicity so we have been listening to assemblies about it and really thinking about what we can do to show this value.

The other value for this term is Understanding. We hope the children are talking to you about these values at home.