Welcome to Year 4!
We are all looking forward to the year ahead and hope that your child has a happy and successful year.

Future newsletters can be found on the Year 4 section of the school website: https://www.stlaurencechurchjuniorschool.co.uk/year-4/

Year 4 Staffing

4S and Year Leader Ms White
4L Miss Bailey
4J Mr Murray
Mr Kuriger — PPA cover
Mr Stonehall additional support in sets
Mrs L Jones — Teaching Assistant
Mrs James - Teaching Assistant

English
In order to best meet the needs of the children within the cohort we will be setting four ways for English this year.
Set 1 - Ms White
Set 2 - Mr Murray
Set 3 - Miss Bailey (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) Mr Kuriger (Tuesday)
Set 4 - will be taught with Set 3 on a Monday and a Tuesday. On a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday they will receive additional support from Mr Stonehall.

This half term, children will be exploring story writing and using our knowledge of Ancient Egypt to produce information texts. The pupils will have opportunities to experience example texts and then, using vocabulary, grammar and punctuation taught in the lessons, will write their own. We will continue to complete regular comprehension tasks making links to spellings.

Maths
In maths we shall be starting with place value, ordering numbers and rounding. We shall also be looking at addition and subtraction using formal methods as well as multiplication and division. Each week we will continue to focus on mental maths strategies too.

In order to best meet the needs of the children within the cohort we will be setting four ways for Maths this year.
Set 1 - Mr Murray
Set 2 - Miss Bailey
Set 3 - Ms White
Set 4 - will be taught alongside Set 3 on a Monday and a Friday. On a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they will receive additional support from Mr Stonehall.

Reading
In order to support all the children with reading we will also be setting for reading this year.
Set 1 - Miss Bailey
Set 2 - Mr Murray
Set 3 - Ms White Monday - Thursday, Friday Mr Kuriger

Guided reading will take place daily.

Things to Remember:
☺ PE kits in school every day please.
☺ Please sign reading records and completed homework. Thank you!
☺ Please label all items—lunchboxes, PE kits, water bottle, uniform.
☺ Parents Evening 22nd October early.
☺ Parents Evening 24th October early.
**Integrated Curriculum**

Our Integrated Curriculum unit this half term is **Ancient Egypt**.

The focus will be on the major achievements this ancient civilisation has created. **We will start this unit of work with an Inspiration Day on Friday 6th September.**

Throughout the unit of work we will look at areas such as how the pyramids were built and what was placed inside them. Mummification will be studied to understand how the Egyptians preserved bodies. In addition to this we will also look at the importance of the River Nile and how it impacted on farming and the access to food.

In **Art** we will look at a range of different containers before designing and making an Egyptian Sarcophagus/Canopic jar out of clay.

In **Science** the children will be looking at sound and how it is created.

The focus for **French** will be on recapping the year 3 teaching.

In **R.E.** we will be looking at creation and what this teaches Christians.

**PE** this half term will focus on football skills and dance. 4J’s PE this term will be swimming.

**Computing** will focus on ESafety and coding our own games.

The theme for **SEAL** (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) this half term is ‘Being me in the World’ where we will think about everyone’s right to learn, how we work well with others. We will create a class charter and think about our school community.

**Additional Information**

The children have been given a new reading diary, which should be taken home each night so that home reading can be recorded and signed. Three quality comments and signatures per week allows the children a smiley face towards their merit card awards. Children should read a variety of books. Reading little and often is the key to success.

Homework continues to be given out on a Friday (Spellings, English, Maths) and should be returned with an adult’s signature by the following Wednesday. Spelling tests take place on Fridays.

We really appreciate your support and it will make all the difference to your child’s progress.

We hope that this will be a successful half term for everyone. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes from all the year 4 staff.