



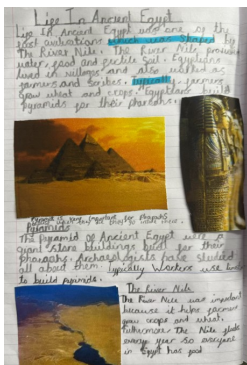
YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to keep you up to date.

Friday 12th December

As we wrap up this busy term, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents for your incredible support. From attending the Christmas Fair to your generous donations, we are truly grateful for your involvement, which made the events extra special for the children. Your encouragement throughout the term has been invaluable. On behalf of the Year 4 team, we wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas filled with joy, and a very happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to more exciting learning adventures in the new term!

English and maths



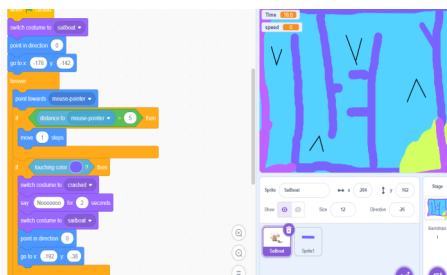
This week, the children have been completing their non-chronological reports, drawing on everything they have learned about Ancient Egypt. Once their first drafts were finished, they focused on how to edit and improve a paragraph, looking closely at vocabulary choices, sentence structure, and the clarity of their ideas. It was wonderful to see them becoming more confident and thoughtful writers.

In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of coordinates by working carefully with the x-axis and y-axis. They accurately plotted points to create shapes and began to explain how coordinates help us describe precise positions. Their next steps will be to explore coordinates across more than one quadrant, including using negative numbers to deepen their understanding. **Click on the image to try to test your coordinate knowledge!**



Computing

The children have been learning how to programme a maze game using Scratch, building on the skills they have already learned. They have shown great perseverance by debugging their own code and refining their ideas as they worked. Each child created and tested their own algorithms, ensuring their character could move smoothly through the maze. To challenge themselves further, many pupils added exciting features such as speed boosters, making their games more dynamic and engaging.



States of Matter

In Science this week, the children have been developing their investigating skills by planning and carrying out an experiment to explore how warmth and cold affect a lava lamp. They made careful predictions, observed the results closely, and compared the changes they noticed. The children also used their oracy skills brilliantly, discussing their findings and 'talking like scientists' as they explained what they thought was happening and why.



Christmas Performance

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas performance at St. Mary's Church! The children's hard work truly paid off as they delivered a magnificent extravaganza, showcasing not only their musical talents by playing the glockenspiel but also their oracy skills while reading special passages. It was a wonderful display of their dedication and teamwork. Thank you so much for coming to support and watch your child perform—it made the event even more special.



Tuesday 17th December– KS2 Christmas party

The children are invited to bring in their own party food to enjoy for themselves. All food brought into school must be **clearly labelled** with your child's name. To keep everyone safe, **no items should contain nuts** and children are to wear party clothes.



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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 17th December– KS2 Christmas party

Thursday 19th December– Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December– Last day of term

Tuesday 7th January– Children back to school

No tuck shop next week