

Reminders for this term:

- Year 4's school day starts at 8.55am. However the gates are open from 8.40am for the children to come into the classroom and settle in for the morning. Please ensure that your child is here on time every day.
- Year 4's school day finishes at 3.15pm.
- Every day is vital – please make sure that your child does not miss school unless they are seriously unwell. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please let the school office know if your child is absent.
- If you have asked another adult to collect your child at the end of the day, you must inform the school office, as the class teacher will not let an unknown adult collect a child without verbal permission from the parent/carer.
- Our School Uniform is important – please make sure your child is wearing the correct clothes and shoes and that they have the correct PE kit. Please ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is named with a sewn on label or permanent pen.
- PE lessons will take place on **Mondays and Tuesdays**. Children must come in in their PE kit on those days and wear it all day.
- Your child will be set home learning every Friday. It must be completed by the following Wednesday.
- Your child is expected to bring in their reading folder everyday so that letters and books can be brought home for you and your child to read.
- It is vital that you take time to read with your child as often as possible. Your child will be bringing a reading book home to read daily, along with a reading diary to record comments about their reading in.
- We are always looking for ways to improve our school – please feel free to contact the school office if you have any ideas or suggestions or if there is an issue you would like to discuss.

Key Dates:

28th Jan: Break the Rules Day

1st February: Chinese New Year

7th– 11th February: Children's Mental Health Week

28th Feb– 4th March: Rec-Y6 Parents Meetings

17th March: St Patrick's Day (Shamrock House can wear Green)

1st April– Last day of term (finish at 2pm)

Thomas's Academy

Year 4 Topics, Spring

Temples, Tombs and Treasures



The people who helped create the first great civilisations were not unlike you and me. Today we can learn a lot about these people and their way of life through the things they left behind – from everyday objects to magnificent and rare treasures.

Young Entrepreneurs

What does it take to run a successful business? People need skills such as collaboration, teamwork, creativity and leadership!



The adults working in our class are:

Miss Chambers– Class Teacher

Miss Najjar – Learning Support Assistant

Mr Fredericks – Learning Support Assistant

You can speak to us at the end of each school day in the playground or you can contact us through the school office by calling 0207 736 2318 or by sending an email to

info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

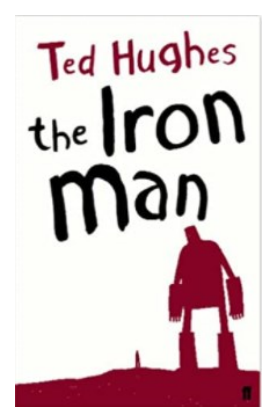
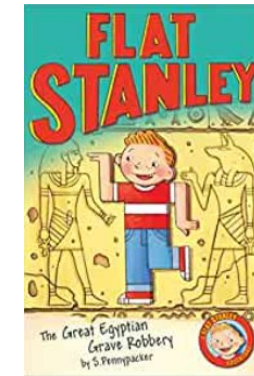
In the 'Temples, Tombs and treasures' topic:

- How to write using Egyptian hieroglyphics
- About the different rulers of Egypt
- About Ancient Egyptian religion and burials
- How the Ancient Egyptians might have built the pyramids
- About the treasures discovered in Tutankhamun's tomb
- In International, we'll be finding out:
 - Exploring the location of Egypt
 - Finding out why some people in the past wanted to make change
 - Comparing what life was like at different times in the past

What will we be learning?

In English we will be learning about:

- How to a setting description
- How to use paragraphs
- Simile poetry
- Burns Poetry



Our core texts are: *Flat Stanley: The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery* by Sara Pennypacker and *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes

There will be an ongoing spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) focus.

In Maths we will be learning about:

- Number sense and exploring calculation strategies
- Statistics
- Fractions
- Time

In our Young Entrepreneurs topic, we will be learning about:

- How we can make and save money
- Exploring the services and products in our local community
- Different currencies
- Marketing and advertising our products

In Art, we will be learning about:

This term Year 4 will be looking at patterns in art. They will explore patterns created by a range of artists as well as patterns they see around them in nature. To experiment with their own pattern designs they will use printing techniques, clay engraving and painting.

In Character Curriculum, we will be learning about:
Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me

Our RE focus this term is
Islam

Our P.E focus is
Netball and Tennis

In Computing, we will be learning about:
Programming

In Spanish, we will be learning about:

TOPIC 1: El transporte
Learn common forms of transport.
Learn to use voy en/ voy

TOPIC 2: Los juguetes
Learn the numbers up to 100
Learn about toys and games. Learn to give opinions.
Learn to express likes and dislikes
Understand and be able to respond to questions,
□Cuanto cuesta?

In Music, we will be learning about:

Year 4 will be taking part in 'Fifths' which is a multi-instrumental whole classroom program. They will have the opportunity to develop their music skills, knowledge and understanding, as well as an opportunity to sing and have hands-on experience playing a variety of instruments.