

Curriculum Overview

Year 4

Autumn (2) 2018

An Egyptian Discovery!

This term, we are learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We will be linking as much of our learning as possible to our History topic. Our Egyptian learning will build on the events the children were introduced to during our Egyptian day, at the end of last term. Our IGNITE learning value for this half term is Growth Mindset, where we will be exploring key strategies with the children to develop their Mindset and the power of ‘yet’.

English

During our English lesson this term we will be using the novel *The Water Horse* as the stimulus for our writing. The book is by Dick King-Smith and is a tale of discovery and fantasy. The children will be creating a range of writing based on the text which will include a narrative and a letter.

Later in the term we will be focusing on non-fiction writing which will be based on the learning from our History lessons. This will give the children the opportunity to showcase what they have learnt so far in the topic.

PSHE

We will be exploring the topic ‘Ups and downs of relationships’. This will address the ideas of what makes a good friend, the importance of friendships and loyalty.

We will also consider the idea of beginning to make responsible choices and consider the consequences of these choices.

Maths

In maths, we will begin this half-term by learning about addition and subtraction. We will be focusing on mental methods before recapping the written methods.

Following this we will be learning about multiplication and division. This will include both mental and written methods.

Our maths lessons this half term will also include fractions, co-ordinates and shape.

We will be developing our understanding of place value further and learning how to apply our skills to solving measures problems.



Science- Changing State

Year 4’s will be learning about changing state. They will be sorting materials into solids, liquids or gases and observing how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled.

Music – Listen to me – Year 4 will be playing brass instruments.

Computing- They will be researching the Egyptian death customs through a quest and presenting their research in an interactive PowerPoint presentation. E-safety – taught through Kahoot challenges.

Library Time – all books to be in school on Wednesdays.

Physical Education (PE)

PE will be every Friday afternoon.

This will include both the indoor and outdoor sessions. Indoor PE will be focusing on gymnastics and in our outdoor session we will be learning to play netball.

Please remember kit- inside & outside!

R.E- Death Ceremonies

The children will learn about death ceremonies and the rituals that Ancient Egyptians followed. We will also learn about the importance of freedom, what this means to children and the links to Moses and the Hebrew slaves fleeing Egypt.

Art

The children will be designing and making their own Canopic jar.

Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning will be linked to our science topic this half term and will include revisiting our longitudinal study. **Children will need to bring in outdoor clothing and wellies for these sessions – proper notice will be given.**

Ideas for home

Everyday Maths, eg times tables, playing cards and board games, telling time.
Weekly maths homework.
English-Reading using your child’s reading book.
Weekly spellings.
Home Learning tasks and follow up from class based learning.

And Finally.....

We will be inviting parents in for our end of topic outcome to see the wonderful learning that has been taking place inside (and outside!) the classroom. More information to follow.

Reminders and Events – please check the website calendar for updates

School disco: Tuesday 6th November
Children in Need: Friday 16th November
Math open evening for parents: Thursday 8th November
Parents evening: Tuesday 13th Nov. Thursday 15th November
Home learning in: Monday 10th December
Parent Outcome and Listen 2 Me Concert: Wednesday 12th December
Carol Concert: Tuesday 11th December
Christmas Fair: Wednesday 5th December
Christmas lunch: Thursday 20th December