

Half Term Curriculum Overview



Year 4 Autumn 1 – 2024-25

English

Our focus narrative text this half-term is 'The Scarab's Secret', set in Ancient Egypt. Children will explore how to develop settings through descriptive detail. In retelling this narrative but changing the resolution, children will add detail to the plot by describing characters' relationships with one another, as well as their driving emotions and motives. In terms of punctuation and grammar, children will focus on incorporating expanded noun phrases with modifying adjectives and composing sentences with more than one clause. Children will learn about the features of play script. They will create their own play script based on the book 'I Was There – Tutankhamun's Tomb' – a vivid first-hand account of a child's experience of this ancient tomb. Children will explore how to use punctuation effectively and how to include the information they acquired from the text to make their play scripts an enticing read.

Computing

In this unit, children will collaborate to create a 'mini Wikipedia'. This will involve using search technologies effectively and using the internet to create content and present information. Children will continue to learn about online safety.

Spanish

Children will be introduced to Spanish culture and will focus on colours and numbers.

Topic: The Ancient Egyptians

History

- Children will learn about the different levels within ancient Egyptian society, investigate the role of the Egyptian pharaoh and explore the belief system of the ancient Egyptians.



Science

- Children will learn about behaviour of particles in solids, liquids and gases. They will compare, group and describe the properties of materials based on their state of matter. They will learn how to make systematic observations and to report on findings from scientific enquires.

Art

- Children will create a portrait of an ancient Egyptian. They will make a collage to create an ancient Egyptian necklace or/and a head dress. They will learn how to create elaborate patterns using a range of materials.

D&T

- Children will design, make and evaluate shadufs after investigating the science behind how shadufs work.

RE

- Judaism (Shabbat)

PSHE

- In our first PSHE unit, children will be learning how to maintain healthy relationships.

Mathematics

Place Value

In Maths, children will begin by extending their place value knowledge to 4-digit numbers. Key skills will include rounding numbers to the nearest hundred and thousand and using their understanding of the value of each digit to compare and order numbers. Children will apply this understanding to a range of place value reasoning problems. As part of this unit, children will also develop their fluidity in counting in steps of 25 and 1,000.

Addition and Subtraction

- Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using formal written methods.
- Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.
- Solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

P.E.

- In our gymnastics unit, children will be learning how to balance and support their weight on different parts of the body.
- In our Games unit, children will be learning rugby skills.
- PE days: Tuesday and Thursday.

Music

This listening unit is based on the pentatonic scale – a five-note musical scale. It has a distinctive sound from all around the world, through history & across many traditions and cultures. Children will explore a number of different music cultures, discussing the similarities and differences between the use of the scale across the various cultures. The 5 note scale is integral to improvisation, blues, jazz, rock and pop music, & continues to influence modern music globally. Children will have the opportunity to improvise & compose using classroom percussion instruments. We will also create links with their topic on Ancient Egypt by learning pentatonic songs about the Pharaohs and Ancient Egyptian traditions.

Homework

- Project:** Project will be due in at the end of the half term
- Spellings:** 10 words to learn weekly for Friday
- Reading:** 15 minutes a day and signed by adult weekly
- Mathematics:** Multiplication facts.