

English

In the first few weeks of this term, we will be looking at non-chronological reports before looking at the book 'Meet the...Ancient Egyptians'. We will be developing our knowledge of contractions, alliteration and time adverbials as well as taking part in lots of experience days! After this we will be writing poetry based around 'the sound collector' which also links to our science topic!

In Guided reading, we will be reading a range of texts – fiction and non-fiction. The children will be developing their **VIPERS** skills – which is looking at vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and sequencing.

Computing

The children in year 3 will sequence a series of pictures and create an animation of moving images. They will plan, do and evaluate their work.

In year 4, the children will identify that sound can be recorded on a computer. They will edit these recordings and use the skills they learn to create a podcast. This work will link to Science and English.

Art/DT

For DT this term the children will be looking at diet and nutrition. The children will be adapting a recipe by adding extra ingredients to it. Additionally, the children will be planning a biscuit recipe on a budget.

Science

Sound is all around us. In science we will be investigating how vibrations travel and how pitch and volume effect the sound we hear. The children will be investigating how distance from a noise can result in the sound they hear. The vocabulary that the children use will link with the music the children have studied.

PSHE

Our new VALUE is Honesty. The children will look at the importance of positive relationships and begin to recognise the emotions and feelings that can arise with online bullying. They will talk about coping strategies to use if we or someone we know is being bullied online.

Maths

In maths this term, Year 3 will be building on their knowledge of using base 10 to add and subtract numbers by learning how to use the column method for 3 digit numbers. Year 4 will also be expanding on their knowledge of the column method by adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers. Both year groups will also be exploring efficient methods. Also this term, Year 3 and 4 will begin topics on multiplication and division so get practicing those times tables in preparation!



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History/Geography

We will be finishing our History topic of the Ancient Egyptians. The children are loving the topic and have already learnt a lot about the Pharaohs, The River Nile, Tutankhamun's tomb and much more. We are going to end with a History day where we will be writing in Hieroglyphics and carrying out a Mummification investigation. We will then be looking at South America and the Amazon basin. Finding out where it is in the world and building on our rainforest learning from last year. We will look at some of the countries and capital cities in South America and the importance of the Amazon River.

RE

The Topic the children will be learning about is Community – Islam. Through discussion and reflection, children will be given the opportunity to study the 5 pillars of Islam, looking at mosques and celebrations, linking to previous learning.

Music

In music, the children will be playing and performing in solo and ensemble context using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. The children will focus on a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians.

PE

In P.E this term the children will be learning to accurately pass and receive a range of balls in different ways. The children will demonstrate control when dribbling, passing and receiving with hands feet and stick.

MfL - Spanish

In Spanish, the children have begun to learn greetings, vowels, numbers and the names of common objects found in school and at home. They have been given the opportunity to engage in basic conversations with their peers. Lessons are taught through verbal questioning in Spanish, written exercises and games.

Home Learning

Reading at home is essential to your child's reading development and fluency. It does not have to be the whole book – even two or three pages!

Please read every night and sign your child's reading diary.

Reading regularly will help so much with their word recognition and fluency which will then improve their enjoyment of reading.

The children also have weekly spellings and they have been shown how to practise them at home on their own – we use Look, say, cover, write, check strategy and the children should be confident at using this. Five minutes every night would really help the spellings go into your child's long-term memory.