



Year 4—Autumn 2 Topic Overview

This half term, our topic is titled: Ancient Egyptians. We will be learning about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation and using this to support our creative ideas in our English writing. In addition to this, we will be exploring electrical circuits and how we can use this knowledge to help us develop and build a successful artefact security system in DT.



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Ancient Egyptians

| Reading | Writing | Maths |
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| We will begin our class reading of 'Secrets of a Sun King'. Our first 'VIPERS' (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarising) skill will be prediction followed closely by summarising. We will work on using details stated to make informed predictions.  | In English lessons, we take inspiration from the text 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' to write a short adventure narrative that creates a sense of suspense as Marcy enters the cave. In our second writing outcome, we will report the discovery of the Sphinx's cave in the style of a newspaper report. | In this half term we will work on the area of rectilinear shapes, as well as developing our multiplication and division skills and formal written methods. We will also continue to revisit and consolidate any previous mathematical learning from the Autumn term. |
| History | PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) | Computing |
| This half term, we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. We will explore who this ancient civilisation were and the significance of their achievements. | This half term the theme is 'Rights and Responsibilities.' This will involve, knowing who has a responsibility in keeping us safe and healthy as well as recognising the role of a 'bystander' in a bullying context. | In our computing unit we will be exploring how we can use digital software to change a digital image. We will explore this through colour, cloning and combining images. |
| French | Games and PE | D&T |
| In French our topic will be 'I am able', we will learn some high frequency infinitive verbs and recognise how to use conjunctions in a sentence. | In Games, we will be developing our football skills. In our PE lessons, we will explore creating characters and narrative through movement and gesture. Children will be working in small groups and partnerships to communicate ideas, feelings and thoughts. | In our DT lessons our focus will be on electrical security systems. We will explore our brief for the British Museum artefact alarm and use our knowledge of electrical circuits and crumble to help us complete our programming successfully. |
| Science | RE (Religious Education) | Music |
| In Science, we will be learning about electrical circuits. We will learn about electricity as a power source and how to create a working circuit. We will also explore insulators and conductors through an experiment. | Our concept in RE is holy; we will be learning about how to describe the concept of holy and to share our responses to how Christians show that they believe Mary is holy. | Throughout the year in Year 4, we will have lessons run by Hampshire music called 'Listen to Me'. This half term we will be continuing to learn more skills whilst playing our brass instruments. . |

Key Dates:

Parents Evening—Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November Remembrance: WW1 Day—Friday 10th November

Ancient Egyptian Day (optional dress up)- Tuesday 21st November

PE Days (Please wear PE kit on these days): Beech—Monday and Tuesday Pine—Thursday and Friday Maple—Thursday and Friday

Homework reminders:

Spelling - your child will have their weekly spellings stuck into their home school diary. These will be practised in school ready for a test every **Friday**. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home too.

Reading - x3 weekly

Times Table Rockstars - x3 weekly

Maths/English - your child will be provided with a weekly learning task to complete (**Hand out: Friday Due: Thursday**)

Completion of homework tasks/extrac reading/TTRS/spelling practise will be rewarded accordingly with effort marks and house points.