

Year 4 Spring Term Curriculum overview

Novel Study

We will be beginning our Novel Study by looking at *The Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll.



The children will learn about and empathise with the characters in their adventures through ancient Egypt to replace the lost curse. We will be writing:

- Play script based on a myth created by ourselves.
- A newspaper report on the Death of King Tut.
- A set of instructions on how to mummify a tomato.
- An explanation of how the water cycle works.
- A non-chronological report on the Gifts of the Nile.

Foundation Subjects

Science We will be learning about the water cycle and carrying out a practical activity to watch it in action. We will also investigate the effect that temperature has on the rate of evaporation.

Geography Join us on a tour of Egypt where we will be learning about its major river - The River Nile. We will be identifying the location of the Nile and comparing it to other major rivers around the world.

Design and Technology Children will use a variety of materials to design and make their own irrigation system to support a 3rd world country in ensuring that there are able to provide water to their crops.

History Digging into the life and times of the Ancient Egyptians, we will be studying life in Ancient Egypt, learning about how the Nile was important to the Egyptians, the role of mummification and learning about some of the Gods and Goddesses as well as the infamous King Tutankhamun.

Music We will be listening to and appraising traditional Egyptian music, before composing and performing our very own version of it.

Mathematics

This term, we are learning:

- Length - converting between cm's, m's and km's
- Finding the area of shapes.
- Fractions - equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, finding fractions of amounts.
- Decimals - ordering and comparing decimals.

Religious Education

What faiths and beliefs can be found in our country and community?

We will be looking at different places of worship in the local and wider community and their significance to believers. We will be learning about what happens in these places of worship and why it is important to them.

Physical Education

Please come to school **DRESSED IN PE KIT on the days we have PE**. Children will not be getting changed in school therefore you **do not need** school uniform on those days, thank you.

Our PE days are on a Monday and a Friday.

Please remember for your PE kit you will need:

- ✚ trainers or pumps
- ✚ a plain white t shirt
- ✚ black / navy shorts. If the weather is cold, you are able to wear black navy tracksuit bottoms and a black / navy jumper / tracksuit top.
- ✚ Where earrings can be removed, please remove them prior to arriving at school or ensure they are covered with plasters before arriving, as staff will be unable to assist your child in applying the plasters or removing their earrings.

Home Learning

Reading:

Please read at least **5 times a week** to an adult or older sibling, this can be your school reading book, a book you have accessed on Bug Club or a reading material of your choice. Please ensure that the adult signs your planner in order to receive your weekly award.

Times Table Rock Stars

In the summer term, Y4 have a national times table test with the expectation being that all year four children should know all their times tables up to 12 x 12. TTRS is the perfect tool to help with this. 10 minutes daily would be ideal.

Spellings - please practise your spellings each week ready for our weekly spelling test on a Friday.