

## ENGLISH

Writing skills will be developed this half term through creating stories set in Egypt. Roleplay will enable the children to explore the lives of Ancient Egyptians and the experiences of 20th Century archaeologists who uncovered ancient tombs. Example stories showcasing the features needed in their writing, coupled with focused tasks, will further develop pupils' understanding of descriptive language and speech within a narrative. Group and independent work will result in exciting short stories.

## SCIENCE

'Sound' is the area of science the children will focus on this half term. They will investigate how sound is created and how to raise or lower the pitch of a musical instrument. Further, they will explore which materials are better insulators and be encouraged to conclude as to why this is.

## PE

Swimming lessons begin for 4M and 4V every Monday morning and 4I and 4K every Wednesday morning. In addition, all Year 4 children will develop their football skills, learning how to pass and shoot accurately.

## MUSIC

The children will be learning to play the ukulele. They will work on techniques like strumming and fingerpicking. There will be an introduction to reading staff notation.

## HISTORY

At the start of the unit on the Ancient Egyptians, children will learn about life and beliefs from artefacts and by looking at hieroglyphics. They will develop their understanding of chronology by ordering dates and events on a timeline. Furthermore, the children will study the role of the pharaohs, the pyramids, and the importance of the River Nile.

## MATHEMATICS

Reading, writing and ordering numbers with four digits, partitioning them into multiples of 1000, 100, 10 and 1 and understanding the importance of zero as a place-holder in numbers such as 2036 are the foci of this half term. Using their understanding of place value, Year 4 will add or subtract 1, 10, 100 or 1000 to or from whole numbers. Additionally, they will reason about the location of any four-digit number on a number line, including identifying the previous and next multiple of 1000 and 100.

## COMPUTING

Pupils will revisit the fundamentals of online safety and what constitutes untrustworthy information online. They will learn the differences between the Internet and the World Wide Web, and create a fact file by using search engines to research a topic.

## RE

'What makes me the person I am?' is the key question the children will reflect on. Focussing on different aspects of their identity, they will think about what makes them unique and identify similarities with others.

## PSHE

Our PSHE unit is called 'Being Me in My World'. Children will explore what influences them and how they can have an impact on others in the world. They will also look at the way they are perceived by others and what effect their choices can have on themselves and the people around them. In addition, they will continue to hone their mindfulness practices.

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