

## ENGLISH

This half term, the children will develop their writing skills through creating stories set in Egypt. Role play activities will help them to explore the lives of Ancient Egyptians as well as the experiences of 20<sup>th</sup> Century archaeologists who uncovered ancient tombs. They will read example stories showcasing the features needed in their own writing. Focused tasks will also help to further develop their understanding of descriptive language and how to use speech within narrative. As well as independent work, group and paired writing will give the children the chance to learn from each other as they develop their exciting short stories.

## HISTORY

The children will study Ancient Egypt. At the start of the unit they will visit the British Museum; learning about Ancient Egyptian life and beliefs from the objects on display. They will develop their understanding of chronology by ordering dates and events on a timeline. They will also learn about the role of the pharaohs, the building of the pyramids and the importance of the River Nile. They will have an opportunity to explore and use hieroglyphics.

## SCIENCE

In the science topic 'Sound' the children will experiment to find out that sound is created when objects vibrate. They will investigate how to raise or lower the pitch of a musical instrument. The children will plan and carry out an investigation to find out which materials are better insulators and be encouraged to draw conclusions as to why this is.

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## RE

In RE the children will consider the question 'What makes me the person I am?' They will be given the opportunity to reflect on different aspects of their identity, on ideas about what is distinctive about them and what they share with others and the world around them. They will think about what influences them and explain what things they care about in the world.

## MATHEMATICS

The children will read, write and order 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. Using their understanding of place value, they will add or subtract 1, 10, 100 or 1000 to or from whole numbers. They will recognise and interpret negative numbers on a number line and in practical contexts, and use this knowledge to solve problems. The children will also multiply and divide numbers up to 1000 by 10 and then 100.

## COMPUTING

Pupils in Year 4 will learn how to remain safe online, and how to tell the difference between a trustworthy and untrustworthy source of information. They will discover how to use search engines to research a topic, and how to highlight, copy and paste information quickly to create their own fact file about a chosen topic.

## ART AND DESIGN

This half term, the children's art work is linked to Ancient Egypt. They will design and make full-size replicas of Egyptian death masks in papier-mâché, using metallic paints to finish these pieces.

## PE

Swimming lessons begin for 4S every Thursday morning. 4Y, 4V & 4K will be studying Bangra dancing and learning how to move to the beat of the music. In addition, all Year 4 children will develop their football skills, learning how to pass and shoot accurately and develop tactical awareness.