

ENGLISH

Writing skills will be developed this half-term through creating stories set in Ancient Egypt. Role-play 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 how to incorporate descriptive language and speech within a narrative. Group and independent work will result in exciting short stories.

History

In our unit on the Ancient Egyptians, pupils will learn about the civilisation's life and beliefs by exploring a range of sources. They will study the role of the pharaohs, the pyramids and the importance of the River Nile. To consolidate their learning, Year 4 will visit The British Museum to see the Ancient Egypt collection.

PE

During outdoor PE lessons, children will consolidate their hockey skills, such as dribbling and push pass to play a game. All pupils will develop their gymnastics skills such as tuck, pike and straddle during indoor PE.

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.



MUSIC

Children will use the ukulele to learn songs with up to four chords, showcasing a wide range of rhythms and musical styles. Year 4 will also learn how to read chord charts and extend their music vocabulary.

FRENCH

This half-term pupils will be looking at how to use adjectives to describe people's appearance and personality.

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 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. Learning by Questions and Times Tables Rock Star (online maths platforms) will be used to develop home learning.

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COMPUTING

Pupils will learn that the internet is a network of networks and that the World Wide Web is part of it. They will explore how to judge online content for honesty, accuracy and reliability as well as understand the impact of false information. Pupils will create their own guidelines of being safe online, including evaluating images generated by AI.

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

SCIENCE

Sound is the area of science the children will focus on this half-term. They will investigate how noise is created and how to raise or lower the pitch of a musical instrument. Pupils will explore how sound travels to our ears and the function of each part of our inner ear. Furthermore, they will explore which materials are better insulators and explain their reasoning to conclude as to why this is.