ENGLISH

Writing skills will be developed this half term through creating stories set in 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 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 4Y and 4T. 4K and 4Z will focus on developing key skills such as catching and throwing and marking players in netball. In addition, all Year 4s will develop their gymnastics skills such as: tuck, pike and straddle.

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 their peers and what effect their choices can have on themselves and the people around them. In addition, they will continue to hone their mindfulness practices.





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 children 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 100 and 1000.

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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.

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'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

ART

Linked to their learning in history and English this half term, the children's art work will involve the design and creation of a full-size replica of an Ancient Egyptian death mask in papiermâché, using metallic paints to finish these pieces. The skills that they will focus on are cutting, sculpting and choosing an appropriate colour palate

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.

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introduction to reading staff

In French this term, children will be taught the position of adjectives in a sentence and how they change to agree with the noun they describe.