

Maths

This half term we are going to be focusing and developing the following areas: Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division and Time. In place value we will be focusing on recognising the place value of each digit in a 4-digit number, finding 1,000 more and less than a given number, ordering and comparing numbers, identifying, representing and estimating numbers using different representations and applying these to different problems. For addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, we will recap mental methods and then develop our written methods, moving onto compact methods, so make sure you're learning your multiplication and division facts! Finally, we will finish the half term by looking at time. For this we will focus on reading and writing the time between analogue and digital 12- and 24- hour clocks.

Science

This half term we are going to having fun with Science! We will be completing a range of scientific investigations to explore different concepts and develop our investigative skills, so if you know any exciting experiments (easy to complete at school) you want to try, let us know!

English

We will begin the topic by focusing on narrative writing. The focus text will be 'Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo. During this unit we will revise and consolidate key aspects learnt in Year 3 focusing on character and setting descriptions. Following this we will write a set of instructions to explain the process of mummification, during this we will be focusing on imperative verbs, presentation aspects and time conjunctions. To end the unit, we will look at other stories set in Egypt, focusing on up levelling our narrative writing making sure we are including inverted commas, variety of punctuations, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

History

This half term we will be focusing on History. To immerse the children into the topic we will be having an Egyptian Day on Friday 7th September. In history we are going to be exploring what it was like to be an Egyptian. We are also going to gain a deeper understanding of Pharaohs, the River Nile, Mummification and the Pyramids.

PE

In PE we will be focusing on Cricket indoors and outdoors. 4RN will be Swimming in the Autumn term and 4CC will be swimming in the Spring term.

Year 4 Autumn Term 1

Egyptians

Learning Culture

LORIC

Languages

In Year 4 we will continue to learn Spanish, during this half term you will be consolidating and developing your knowledge of colours and numbers.

DT

For design and technology we will be getting messy with clay! Firstly, we are going to explore the use of the Canopic jar and then move onto designing, making and evaluating our own.

PSHE/SMSC/British Values

This half term we will be focusing on emotions. We will be looking at how to deal with our emotions in different situations and how best to talk about our emotions. We will also be looking at how to care for other people's emotions and understanding how our actions and emotions can affect the way someone can feel.

Music

We will be learning and exploring the song 'Walk like an Egyptian' listening to the beats and tempo, then creating a dance linked to this.

Computing

We will start by playing and analysing educational computer games, identifying the features that make a game successful. We will then plan and design a game, with a clear target and concept in mind.

RE

This half term we will be focusing on Sikhism. We will be looking at Sikh celebrations and ceremonies, why Seva is important, how Sikhs meditate and Sikhs beliefs about God.

