

English

In English, we have planned many different stimuluses to spark some amazing writing. To begin with, we will be looking at writing instructions on how to mummify someone. Then, we will be writing an alternative ending to the story 'The Scarab's Secret'. In addition, we will be completing a piece of persuasive writing about visiting Egypt. We will then be writing our own Ancient Egyptian poems and will be finishing the year writing our own stories.

Maths

In Maths we will start the term learning about decimals including rounding, comparing, ordering and partitioning. This will link well to the next unit money where the children will convert between units of money and solve problems. In the second half term the children will learn to tell the time to the nearest minute on analogue and digital clocks including times using the 24-hour clock. This will be followed by shape, learning about angles and the features of different polygons. Next will be a short unit on statistics followed by our final unit on position and direction.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about sound during the first half term. Within this, we will be exploring how sounds are made through vibrations, how sound travels and how the human ear is able to hear sounds. In the second summer term we will be revisiting the science learning we have completed during year 4 and consolidating our knowledge through the use of cumulative quizzes and pupil-led revision sessions.

Year 4 Topic Map

Ancient Egypt



Trips and Visitors

We are planning a workshop to complement our Ancient Egyptian topic. This will help bring the topic to life and will further spark interest in the children through engaging, enquiry-based learning. Additionally, each class will be also visiting Crawley Library to encourage our children to use this fantastic resource.

PSHCE and British Values

Children will be learning about their health and wellbeing, including learning about puberty. We will then learn about citizenship. We will gain knowledge about human rights, community values and caring for our environment. This will feed into our development of British Values like tolerance, mutual respect and democracy. We will have multiple transition afternoon and days during the summer term to help ensure that the children are prepared and happy in their new year group.

Foundation Subjects

History

Our history learning will be all about Ancient Egypt. We will begin by exploring artefacts using the British Museum's online collection, before then mastering the key aspects of Ancient Egyptian civilisation, including gods, pharaohs, beliefs and monuments. We are very excited to have such a fantastic and engaging topic to explore with the children!

French

Children will learn key vocabulary and have a chance to develop their listening and speaking skills. Our learning will be related to school: 'going to school', 'in my school', 'lunch at school', 'school subjects'.

Art

We will link our art learning to ancient Egypt, creating printing blocks in the shape of hieroglyphics and drawing portraits in the style of pharaohs.

Computing

We will be using scratch to learn key aspects of programming.

Music

We will be using body percussion to explore structure, texture, tunes and composition.

RE

We will learn about Buddhism as the first summer term coincides with the key festivals of Buddhism, especially Vesak. Then, in summer 2, we are learning about shared themes within world religions and how this creates shared identities and culture.

How you can help at home

Continue to read regularly with your child and talk about the texts. This can also include reading a higher level text to your child and then discussing it.

Practise times tables at home regularly.

Whenever possible, provide your child with opportunities to apply the maths skills that they have learnt to real-life situations, e.g. telling the time, calculating how much money they will need when buying a range of items and working out how much change they will receive.

Encourage children to write cards, stories, shopping lists while role playing.

