

ENGLISH

In English this term, we will be immersing ourselves in our Topic by exploring rich texts and extracts that provide good examples of reading, writing skills or grammatical constructs. We will interact with our topic vocabulary during reading sessions by exploring the language for effect to support own writing. In One Perfect Sentence sessions, we will be experimenting with different writing techniques. While writing our newspaper articles about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb or our instructions for how to make a mummy, we will be drafting, editing, refining our work, always acting on the feedback given so we can be successful with our writing.

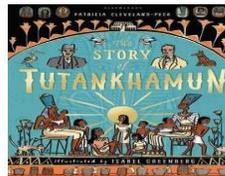
P.E.

On Tuesday mornings Year 4's are swimming this half term and Year 3's will be swimming after half term. Children need to have their swimming kit each week. Please make sure children have their PE kits in school from Monday to Friday.

COMPUTING

This term in Computing, the focus is on working with media. Children are going to practise their word processing skills and typing up a newspaper report about the Ancient Egyptians. They will be asked to search for some facts on the internet and copy and paste their text. Also, children will need to use more than two fingers to type up their subheadings on the laptop. They then explore the theme a bit further by creating a digital presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint. Children will need to familiarise themselves with the environment and choose the most suitable text styles for their presentation to make it more attractive.

Years 3 and 4
SPRING 1
ANCIENT EGYPT



MATHS

Our units of work this term focus on division, fractions, time and money. Please support your child at home by helping them with their On The Boil targets and how to tell the time. Our Maths On The Boil targets for Spring 1 are:
Year 3: Know division facts for the 3x, 4x and 8x
Year 4: Know division facts for all tables

SCIENCE

We will consider what produces light and what counts as a light source. We will investigate shadows (whether they're blocking sunlight or electric light) and how shadows' size and shape can be changed. We will learn the difference between the meanings of transparent, translucent and opaque. We will start to think about the relationship between light and colours. We will find ways of using objects to produce a variety of sounds and consider how the object's physical qualities affect that sound.

HISTORY

This term we will be learning about the achievements of the earliest civilizations – with a particular focus on the Ancient Egyptians.

ART/DT

This term the Art and Design focus will be based around our Ancient Egyptian topic. We will be deciphering hieroglyphics and learning how to write our names, creating our own cartouche. Children will be improving their use of equipment and techniques to design and make canopic jars using clay. We will be making mummies in cases and would be grateful for any cardboard cereal boxes, tinfoil and kitchen roll.

PHSE

Our theme this half-term is Say No To Bullying. We will be learning about safe use of the internet through the Safer Internet Day in February.