



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

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Below is brief outline about what your child will be learning in Year 4, across all the subjects, this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child to support their learning at home.

Subject	
Literacy	<p>We are reading the story of Ramose which is set in Ancient Egypt. With our knowledge of the Egyptians and the characters from the story, we will be writing a diary and a story.</p> <p>We will be applying our knowledge of fronted adverbials, prepositions and conjunctions. We will be developing our spelling skills by adding suffixes and prefixes to familiar words.</p> <p>In reading we are focusing on summarising information in fiction and non-fiction texts and making predictions based on textual evidence.</p>
Numeracy	<p>In Numeracy this half term we are revisiting our 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and learning the remaining times tables up to 12x12.</p> <p>We will be using this knowledge to multiply two digit and three digit numbers by a one digit number using the formal method and subsequently solve word problems, real life problems and provide reasons for a pattern or answer.</p> <p>We will be learning to recognise and use factor pairs in our problem solving.</p>
Science	<p>We will identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions, describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans and construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey. We will be completing an investigation identifying the effects of different liquids on tooth enamel. We will be doing this using hard boiled eggs as the shell is comparable to the human tooth.</p>
French	<p>We will be learning the months of the year and using these when we discuss our birthdays and how we celebrate and design a party invitation. We will also learn the names of body parts and link this with our knowledge of number and colour to design a monster.</p>
Topic – History	<p>We are learning about Ancient Egypt and have taken on roles in the team of explorers, led by Howard Carter, who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun. We are basing our learning around this discovery and examining how it helped us understand how Ancient Egyptians lived.</p>
Computing	<p>We will be learning key skills to improve our word-processing. We will use these to present an information leaflet about Ancient Egypt.</p>
RE	<p>We are exploring the concept of <i>Wisdom</i> through the teachings of the Sikh Gurus. We will be relating the concept to our own lives and experiences.</p>
PE	<p>For indoor PE we are testing our skill, agility and quickness in a circuit of activities, whereby we hope to improve our performance and develop our skills and fitness.</p> <p>In outdoor PE we will be learning skills associated with the game of Netball: with a focus on skills and techniques of ball control and teambuilding.</p>
Music	<p>Our music unit this half term links to Ancient Egypt. We will learn a range of songs about the Egyptians and use percussion instruments to accompany them. An extended composition will tell the story of a Nile journey, with groups composing different sections of the piece.</p>
Art	<p>We will be investigating Egyptian cartouches and creating our own using different media, including clay.</p>