

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring 2 2017-2018



Below is brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 4 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 will be finishing our narrative writing based on the story of "Ramose-Prince in Exile", writing stories in an ancient Egyptian setting.</p> <p>We will be using the story of Alice in Wonderland to help us to write interesting character descriptions, a recount from the perspective of a character from the story and a fantasy narrative.</p> <p>We will then be looking at different forms of poetry using the book "Cloud-busting". We will be writing poems of our own using some different forms.</p> <p>Reading: We will be investigating the structure of different texts and the conventions used in a variety of books and texts.</p>
Numeracy	<p>We will be learning about fractions (including decimals). We will be recapping our knowledge of the unit and non-unit fractions We will be mentally counting up and down in tenths and relating this to decimal fractions. We will be recapping the addition and subtraction of fractions with the same denominator and using this knowledge to solve problems, we will be recapping our knowledge of equivalent fractions whilst learning to recognise and write decimal fractions equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$. We will be rounding and comparing decimals and solving real life problems involving decimals such as with money.</p>
Science	<p>We will continue to study the digestive system in order to describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans and to relate the journey of a food particle. We will also consider what makes a healthy diet.</p>
Topic – History	<p>We will continue to study the Ancient Egyptians and their core beliefs. We will find out about how they lived and their daily life and the legacy of Ancient Egypt. This will involve independent research.</p>
French	<p>We will be using colours and adjectives in sentences. We will be learning new vocabulary related to transport and within groups use our knowledge to design and carry out a survey of 'How we travel to school'.</p> <p>We will be investigating where in the world French is spoken and use compass points to relate these places to the U.K. We will be using our 'transport' vocabulary to discuss how we could travel to French speaking countries.</p>
ICT	<p>We will be exploring the computer software of Purple Mash. Each child will be given their own passport, with login and password, which will allow them to access and explore this software at home.</p>
RE	<p>We will be spending a day with Lena and Teresa and be discussing the Paschal candle within the Easter Story. We will explore how routines and rituals feature within this Christian ceremony.</p>
PE	<p>For indoor PE we will be transferring our balancing skills onto the indoor apparatus – something the children really enjoy!</p> <p>In outdoor PE we will be doing some cross country running.</p>
Music	<p>Our music unit this half term continues to link 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/DT	<p>We will continue to investigate Egyptian cartouches and create our own using different media, including clay. We will also create a piece of abstract art with an Egyptian theme using pastels.</p>