

English

Reading.

Our class novel this half term will be the adventure story, *Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll*, by Scott Peters. In addition we will continue with guided reading groups, to develop skills when reading fiction and non-fiction texts. We have a wonderful library to explore on a weekly basis. This enables children to search for something of interest to read alongside their usual reading books.

Writing.

We will be writing newspaper reports, information leaflets, and non chronological reports. Poetry and playscripts will also be explored.

Spellings and Grammar.

Daily handwriting practice and learning about the structure of different word families will continue. In conjunction we will have comprehension sessions, where the class will read a short text and answer questions with full sentences.

Maths

Number

Place value, addition and subtraction, ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1000, rounding numbers to nearest 10, 100, or 1000. Multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 .

Other areas.

Year 4 will compare and classify properties of geometric shapes and learn about position and direction.

Problem Solving / Investigations.

Two step word problems and investigations will help children apply their number work in different contexts and increase their mathematical thinking, reasoning and logic.

Year 4 Core Subjects: Our Theme is Tomb Raiders.

Ways you can help at home.....

- Miss Nelson's motto is 'love words, love reading and inspire writing'. Encourage children's imagination and broaden their vocabulary by listening to them read. Ask questions to check their understanding. A good book will provide children with new exciting words and ideas to use in their own writing and speaking.
- Challenge your children and allow them to challenge you with mental maths, for example multiplication tables up to 12×12 , number bonds, finding 1000 more or less than a number.
- Ensure weekly homework is completed.

Science

Children will be able to identify forces as pushes and pulls. They will learn that friction is a force that slows objects down. They will observe how magnets attract or repel. They will group everyday materials on the basis of their magnetism. They will describe magnets as having 2 poles.

Working scientifically.

Children will take part in Scientific investigations. They will make predictions, observe, record results and make conclusions on the basis of their findings. They will report on their findings both verbally and in writing. Children will take measurements, using a ruler They will record data and results using scientific diagrams, labels, tables and bar charts.

R.E.

Our lessons will focus on making choices and for this half term Christianity and Judaism will be the faiths explored in particular. We will consider daily living, the opportunities for choice, obedience and morals. Pupils' personal experience and thoughts on these will be explored.

P.E.

With our sports coach the children will learn to develop and apply physical skills in gymnastics and dance. PE is important for physical health but has the added benefits of encouraging a sense of competition, good sportsmanship and physical self esteem.

Art and Design

We will make clay canopic jars, use hieroglyphics and create an Egyptian sarcophagus.

P.S.H.E.

We will continue to work on building positive relationships with each other and learn how to better deal with falling in and out of friendships.

The Monk and the Monkey is a power point, which helps set up community rules enabling debate and discussion, so all children's opinion's may be heard. The first philosophical questions to be asked will be; Is it more important to be liked or respected? and because it will compliment the school's Art Week, What is art?

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Humanities.

History

In our historian roles, we will research what life was like in ancient Egypt and look at how customs and beliefs differ from our own, and have changed over time. Our trip to Leicester's Newalk Museum for an Egyptian day experience will help us appreciate these mysterious days of the past.

Geography

The budding geographers in Year 4 will use their geographical resources and skills to locate Egypt and seek to learn and understand some of the natural features of the country (e.g. River Nile).

Computing.

Children will manipulate text and images in a journalistic style for new paper reports in English using Microsoft publisher.

Music.

The children are fortunate to have access to a wonderful violin teacher on a weekly basis. Other lessons will incorporate knowledge and understanding of musical notation and terminology.

