

Year 4 Autumn 1 2023

English

In English, we are reading The Egyptian Cinderella, Marcy and the Sphinx and The Scarab's Secret.



We will be consolidating our writing features from Year 3 and further developing them further for Year 4.

Our genre of books will follow the structure of fairy tales and for our shared writes, we will apply our writing features and write our very own versions!

RE

In RE, this term, we will be looking at how important events are remembered in ceremonies. We will be looking at how 'light' is represented in different religions and non-religious worldviews. We will learn how people reflect, remember and even use light as a symbol of hope!



History

This half term, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We have looked at chronology and discussed some Ancient Egyptian artefacts using our oracy skills. We will be discussing the differences between our lives and the lives of Ancient Egyptians. We will also be learning about the importance of archeological discoveries and how they help us to understand the past.



Computing

To begin Year 4 computing, the children will be exploring the internet. They will investigate questions such as: What is the internet made of? What is a website? and Who owns the web? New vocabulary will be introduced alongside learning how to use the internet effectively. In addition to this, the children will recognise the need for security on the internet, how to stay safe online and evaluate content for honesty and accuracy.



Guided Reading

Throughout guided reading, the children will be looking at a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. This allows them to deepen their understanding of topics learnt in other subjects during this half term. Additionally, answering specific comprehension questions linked to our class novels.

Maths

In Maths, we are focussing on the 4-digit numbers. We will be using Base 10 and place value counters to make 4 digit numbers. We will order and compare 4 digit numbers and learn how to plot them on a number line. We will also focus on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. We will also learn how to write digits using roman numerals! In Maths, we are also recapping times tables we have learnt. We will be recapping the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 times table.



Science

This half term we will be exploring States of Matter; Solids, Liquids and Gases. We will be observing materials and objects around us to see what type of matter they are. We will be learning about how the particles behave differently within each state and what happens to these particles when they are heated up or cooled down. Look at a kettle boiling and ask your child if they can explain the processes occurring, or make ice lollies and see what happens as they cool.

Art / DT

In Art we will be looking at Portraits, in particular self portraits. We will be studying the art of Picasso and Matisse who both used quite surrealist themes in their art work, changing shapes and colours to express mood instead of keeping it life like.

In Design and Technology we will be linking with our History and designing a menu fit for a Pharaoh. A feast for a celebration! Please let us know of any special dietary requirements or allergies your child may have.