

Year 4
Summer Term
2023

Ancient Egyptians

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English

Reading

- Fluency of reading - decoding unfamiliar words and using an awareness of the 6Ps to read aloud accurately
- Use background and prior knowledge to make sensible predictions about what they may come across in the text in terms of facts, concepts and vocabulary
- Asking questions to improve understanding of a text
- Retrieving key information in fiction and non-fiction texts
- Checking that a book makes sense and exploring the meaning of unknown words
- Retelling well known stories

Writing and Grammar

Poetry

The Bicycle- we will be exploring this poem by Pie Corbett. We will begin to explore vocabulary for creating images through the use of similes and metaphors.

The Night Fairy- we will be creating our own exciting stories with detailed openings and setting descriptions that engage the reader.

Should trolls be slaughtered?- we will be exploring how to create an interesting discussion that shares both sides of an argument.

English

Spelling

- Spelling pattern- sure
- Adding ly if the root word ends with -ic
- Spelling pattern: ou and ous
- Spelling pattern: ch (sounds like sh and k)
- Spelling pattern: sc
- Spelling pattern: y for an 'i'
- Prefix - anti- (to mean against)
- Prefix - dis- (to mean apart or not)
- Homophones
- Spelling pattern: -ssion if the root word ends in ss or mit
- Statutory words from the Year 4 spelling lists
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Maths

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- Decimals - dividing number to create decimals, ordering and comparing.
- Money - pounds and pence, ordering amounts and rounding.
- Time - converting units of time.
- Statistics - line graphs.
- Geometry - angles, symmetry and describing and moving positions on a grid.

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History

- Exploring and analysing different sources to learn about life in the past.
- Making links between world history and the history of Britain.
- Exploring the 4 ancient civilisations and the impact these had on life today.
- Who were the Ancient Egyptians and how did they live?
- Exploring the location of Egypt and how the location impacted on their lives.

French

Boucle d'Or et Les Trois Ours

- Sharing the story of Goldilocks and the 3 Bears in French.
- Learning vocabulary linked to the story to allow us to write the story in French.

En classe

- Learning vocabulary for items in a pencil case.
- Learning phrases to say what is and is not in our pencil cases.

Computing

Purple Mash- Logo

- Exploring the 2Logo program to input commands to create images.
- Using more complex commands in the 2Logo program to create letters and whole words.

Purple Mash- Animate

- Beginning to use stop motion animation as a whole class project.

Science

Electricity

- To explore and create electrical circuits using cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.
- To explore different conductors.
- Use switches in electrical switches to explore what happens when open and closed in different positions in a circuit.

Sound

- Exploring how sounds are made.
- Exploration of volume and pitch.

Art- Kapow

Craft and design fabric of nature

- Looking at inspiration in nature around us.
- Using different textile techniques to create patterns.
- Investigating creating repeated patterns using different textile techniques.
- Creating own fabric designs using inspiration found in nature.

RE

What is a pilgrimage?

- Investigating the importance of pilgrimages across a variety of religions.
- Focusing on different pilgrimages that people of different faiths take at different times in the year.
- Exploring what pilgrimage looks like today in different faiths.

PSHE

Physical health and mental wellbeing

- Having a balanced lifestyle- discussion about what we can do to lead healthy, balanced lifestyles.
- Taking care of oral hygiene.
- Discussing the dangers of household products, medicines, drugs and staying safe.
- How do bodies change in puberty and how can I manage these changes.

Values

Wisdom and Creation

- Exploring the meanings of different quotes from the Bible relating to these values.
- Exploring how we can share and respond to wisdom.
- Discussing what creation means to use and how we can show creativity in our school and local community.

Music- Kapow

Samba

- Exploring the main features of Samba music.
- Recognising, composing and performing syncopated rhythms individually and as a group.
- Adapting and transposing motifs
- Singing in tune and time to create different musical motifs.

Special days

- WOW morning- Monday 24th April
- Lincoln Cathedral Pilgrimage visit- Wednesday 3rd May
- Lincolnshire Show 2023- 21st and 22nd June

How to help at home:

- Times Tables are so important in year 3 and 4 to help children confidently tackle trickier maths problems- please support your child in confidently learning and rapidly recalling their tables!
- Reading every day is so important - reading is the window to the world!

PE

Swimming (Tuesday)- we will begin our swimming sessions this term. These will be every Tuesday afternoon.
REAL PE- exploring different balances, working on our agility through speed work and sequences of movement.

DT

Electrical Systems

- Exploring existing electrical products and systems.
- Creating simple working electrical circuits to create a project- night light/illuminated lights