

English

For the first part of this half term we are going to be basing our work on the book 'The Scarab's Secret' which links nicely with our Egyptian topic. The children will be writing descriptive pieces using fronted adverbials and powerful expanded noun phrases.

During our focus on poetry, we will study the poem 'The Mummy' by Jack Prelutsky. We will discuss rhyming structures and developing imagery through vocabulary choices before writing scary narrative poems about mummies!

Our grammar focus is noun phrases. We will look at identifying, modifying and expanding noun phrases. We will also study prepositional phrases and using determiners before modifiers.

Science

Sound unit of work. The children will conduct a sound survey using data loggers and learn about pitch and amplitude (volume). They will make a string telephone to explore how sounds change over distance before investigating the best materials to use for soundproofing.

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We are going to be learning about the Ancient Egyptians, everything from daily life, to mummification, Egyptian gods, Egyptian artwork and hieroglyphs.

Maths

We will be going back through all our times tables from this half term; the aim is that children now know all their times tables facts up to 12 x 12.

During our focus on multiplication and division Year 4 will learn how to use the efficient written methods of short multiplication and division and apply these skills in a variety of contexts.

Children will also revisit their written and mental addition and subtraction strategies and apply these in a more varied and increasingly complex range of contexts.

We will end the term by learning about coordinates and their uses. Children will describe shapes on grids and how they have been translated as well as plotting specified points on graphs.

Computing

This term the focus for computing is writing for different audiences. Children will look at the effect font size and style has, write a newspaper report and a persuasive letter/poster as part of a campaign.

RE

With a focus back to Christianity and the start of spring, the children will be learning about the importance of Easter to Christians.

PSHE

We will be looking at 'Healthy Me' where the children will be thinking about ways in which they can keep themselves healthy and also about enjoying healthy friendships.

DT

In DT the children will be designing and creating their own opening and closing sarcophagus. We will be using pneumatics to complete this.

PE

Children will develop their rugby skills with Mr Barnett, including how to carry and pass a rugby ball effectively.

Geography & History

We are looking at the ancient Egyptian civilisation and the importance of the river Nile. Children will learn about the process of mummification and write instructions for budding embalmers as well as creating and decorating Canopic jars from clay. We will also research the characteristics of different gods the Egyptians worshipped and write non-chronological reports based on our research. At the end of the topic we will learn about the importance of the Rosetta Stone and hieroglyphs.

Reminders

For our DT this term each child needs an empty (preferably square) tea bag box. Check the class room windows for dates of your child's Legge House trip. If you need another copy of the kit list or anything else let us know.