



Curriculum letter

Year 4

Welcome to Year 4! The new year has got underway and the children are settling back into their routines and lessons very well. During each half term, we will focus on a main topic, planning a creative curriculum for each subject area related to our theme.

Autumn term 1- 'Tomb Raiders!' The study of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation.
Autumn term 2- 'Through the Keyhole' A comparative study of two geographical locations.

During English and Maths this year, we will be reviewing and reinforcing all skills, looking at similar objectives to Year 3 in greater depth and complexity. Over the coming term we will be investigating:

Maths

Number and place value
Addition and subtraction
Multiplication and division
Properties of shape
Graphs and data collection
Mental strategies and all multiplication tables
Investigations and problem solving

English

Narrative - Fantasy stories
Imaginative recounts
Play scripts
Non-Fiction - Explanation texts
Report writing
Instructions
Alongside weekly comprehension, handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar tasks.

Science

The Human Digestive System- we will learn the basic organs and their functions of the digestive system. Digestive organs were important to the Ancient Egyptians and essential to the mummification process!

Habitats- we will look into different habitats and the variety of wildlife and plant life that live there. We will look closely and compare the habitats of our chosen countries.

Geography

'Through the Keyhole' will focus on two different geographical locations. We will investigate and compare location, climate, culture and ecology of both locations.

History

'Tomb Raiders' will explore the Ancient Egyptian civilization; how it developed over time and its influences on modern life. This topic will also cover how society was organized, religion and beliefs and exploring art work and forms of communication.

Art/D.T

We will be creating our own Egyptian cartouches, replicating hieroglyphs and sculpture from the Ancient Egyptians. We will also create our own Christmas decorations taking inspiration from our two comparative locations.

Computing

We will be learning about 'E' Safety - How to keep safe when using the internet, as well as the uses of the internet for research. We will also continue to develop word processing skills and use of computer programs.

Music

We will be following our Charanga music scheme, where we will learn to play the glockenspiel and investigate the music of ABBA.

RE

We will investigate a variety of different religions, first exploring the pilgrimages each religion take, and then the important people in different faiths.

PE

Children will take part in a variety of athletic, gymnastic activities, whilst continuing learning different skills for games and sportsmanship. Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday; children must have full kits and all jewelry removed to participate.

Homework

Homework will include a piece of Maths and English related to the week's learning, and the week's spellings. There may be other homework set, on occasions, relating to one of our topics of study.

It is of enormous importance that the children read **every** day. Reading books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and children will also read to an adult in class. To aid children's comprehension, it is important adults listen and ask questions about the books. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story.

If you have any queries about our curriculum, school routines or your child's wellbeing please speak to your class teacher to make an appointment after school.

Miss Dewar (Deer Class Teacher)

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