

Year 3/4 Newsletter

SPRING 1

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English

In Spring 1, we'll be using a non fiction text written by DK titled "Ancient Egypt" this is an information text all about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. The information should give us a fantastic opportunity to really sharpen up our retrieval skills and the skimming and scanning skills we have been practicing. Once we have dissected the book, the children will be creating their own non fiction information texts all about the Ancient Egyptians, showing off everything that they have learned.

Maths

Over the coming weeks Year 3/4 will be learning all about multiplication and division as well as fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will learn how to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers and then learn a method for solving division problems. We shall then move to exploring how to recognise unit fractions of shapes, groups and numbers, and will be increasing our understanding of adding and subtracting fractions and how to find equivalents.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read at **least three times** a week at home, for at least 15 minutes each time, filling in the date, book title and page number in your child's reading journal.

Please support your child's understanding of the text by asking questions about what they've read.



Topic - Ancient Egypt

Our new topic is Ancient Egypt and we'll be discovering all about this powerful and mighty Empire. We are going to be learning about their amazing achievements and famous individuals as well as how they created such a thriving civilisation in a hostile desert. As part of this, we will look at the importance of the River Nile, farming techniques and how the pyramids were built without the use of modern machinery. Finally, we will investigate who, or what ended the Ancient Egyptian Empire.

Science

We will be learning all about light in science this half-term, recognising that we need light to see things in the dark and investigating how light travels outwards from a light source. We will also design and carry out our own investigations into how light is reflected from different surfaces and use light meter measuring equipment to record the best reflective material. We will also learn that light from the sun can be dangerous and how to keep our eyes safe from direct sunlight. We will discover how shadows are formed and investigate shadow shape and length by creating a pyramid blocks and then trying to alter the size and shape of the shadow as we change the height, angle and distance of the light source.

P.E

LKS2 will be focussing on Gymnastics. The children will learn all about developing flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

Swimming will be on a Wednesday for Year 4, starting on 15.1.20.

ICT/ART/FRENCH/PSHE and Mindmate

ICT: Children will design, write and debug algorithms and programs that accomplish specific goals using beebots.

Art: Egyptian Art – Painting and patterns. Pupils will be learning about decorative painting by exploring the motifs and designs of Ancient Egyptian art and will study Gustav Klimt's use of colour to help them when they create a painting inspired by Egyptian art.

French: As well as revising our numbers up to 10, we will be learning how to greet and respond to each other using simple phrases.

PSHE/Mindmate: We will be learning the importance of mental health and emotional well-being.

Important Dates

- 8.1.20 - Year 4 Swimming Gala (24 pupils)
- 14.1.20 - Class 5 trip to Leeds City Museum
- 16.1.20 - Class 6 trip to Leeds City Museum
- 17.1.20 - Final Robinwood payment due.
- 21.1.20 - Class 7 trip to Leeds City Museum
- 26.2.20 - 28.2.20 - Year 4 Residential to Robin Wood



Attendance

Thank you for sending your children to school every day and arriving at 8:45 so that we are all ready to begin the days learning. As you know, 'Every Day Counts'



We want to say a big **thank you** to parents/carers for attending the Christmas production and for all your effort in supporting pupils with the songs, lines and outfits.