



Spring Term – Year 4

Reading

Class Book – ‘The Egyptian Cinderella’ by Shirley Climo.

In reading we will continue to learn how to answer questions focused on using inference skills to deduce characters’ thoughts and feelings and help explain actions. We will also focus on language choices and the meanings of words. If we are unsure of any vocabulary we will use a dictionary to understand the meanings. We will continue to learn how to answer questions that are presented in a variety of ways, for example, copying specific words, underlining the text and ordering events.

Writing

In writing we will continue to learn new grammar features including determiners, the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense and accurately using apostrophes to mark plural possession. We will be writing non-chronological reports about Egypt, an explanation text about the water cycle, a newspaper report about the discovery of King Tutankhamun’s tomb and a narrative.

Maths

In maths we are learning about multiplication and division. We will learn about mental methods and written column methods for both operations. We will continue to practise our times tables. We will then learn about fractions including equivalent fractions, fractions of amounts and adding and subtracting fractions.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out on a Friday and is to be returned by the following Tuesday.

School reading books are to be brought to school every day.

Spellings are sent out on a Monday and will be tested on a Friday.

| Topic | |
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| Tomb Raiders (Ancient Egypt) | |

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| British Value | PSHE Value |
| Democracy | SEALS – Going for goals |

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| Visits / events |
| Leeds City Museum |

History

In history we will focus on Ancient Egypt. We will learn about the pharaohs, pyramids, hieroglyphics and mummification.

Geography

The children will be learning about the different features and characteristics of Egypt.

Science

In science we will be studying states of matter. We will learn about the properties of solids, liquids and gasses and the water cycle. We will also learn about living things.

RE

In RE we will think about guidance that people follow to help them live their lives. We will investigate what we can learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong.

Computing

We will be writing for different audiences and use logo.

Art

In art we will make our own papyrus paper then decorate in the style of an ancient Egyptian painting. We will also make cartouches with our names on.

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We are going to create Canopic jars out of different materials. We will also try to make our own 'contents' to fill the jars. We will also make Egyptian bread.

Music

We will be performing in an ensemble context learning how to use our voices effectively. We will be learning to sing 'Mamma Mia' by Abba.

PE

In PE we will take part in dodgeball and football. We will also be taking part in 'functional fitness'. PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday. Indoor and outdoor kits are required.

MFL

In school we are now learning French. The children will continue to learn basic greetings, colours and numbers.

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| <p>Key messages and dates:</p> <p>Wednesday 30th January – Year 3 and 4 trip to Leeds City Museum.</p> <p>Friday 15th February – school closes (half term)</p> <p>Monday 25th February – school reopens</p> <p>Friday 5th April – school closes</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd April – school reopens</p> |
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