

Year 4 Term 1 and 2 Ancient Egyptians and Mountains

Maths This term we will be working with numbers to 10, 000. We will be using **place value**, comparing and ordering numbers and counting in multiples of 25, 50, 100, 6, 7 and 9. We will continue to practice formal written methods of **addition and subtraction** moving on to adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers, as well as looking at mental addition and subtraction strategies.

We will also focus on the **multiplication** of 2-digit numbers using short multiplication. Pupils will learn more about division and will divide 2-digit numbers, including numbers with remainders.

English. Our first text this term is the story, **'Cloud Tea Monkeys'**. We will be inspired to write our own 'rags to riches' story which will include dialogue and characterisation. We will then research other animals that live in the Himalayas, creating reports about them. Our second text is **'The Ice Palace'**. We will be writing an overcoming the monster story where we develop our description of settings and plot. Following this we will focus on a newspaper recount, thinking carefully about tense and reported speech.

Science Our first theme is **'Living Things'** where we will be developing our skills to classify and group animals and plants. This will involve using and making classification keys. After half term we will explore **Sound**, experimenting and making conclusions about volume and pitch. Our skills in fair testing and identifying patterns will be put to the test!



P.S.H.E.

In PHSE we teach the Jigsaw units 'Being Me' and 'Accepting differences.' We will discuss where we fit in at school and what makes us unique.

Metacognition

For metacognition we learn a new skill – sewing. We will reflect on how we felt whilst learning something new and what we did to help us overcome barriers. After half term we will look at problem-solving and memory and how we can use these in our learning.

Music

In Year 4 all children are taught to play the violin by a specialist music teacher. They will learn bowing techniques as well as developing an understanding of musical notes.

History

This term, we will be exploring the Ancient Egyptians. We will become historians and use a range of primary and secondary sources to make inferences about the past. We will ask and answer questions based around the Egyptians' greatest achievements and dive into some aspects of their everyday lives.

Geography

This term we will be studying our 'Mountains' unit. We will practice locating mountain ranges on a map and explore how mountains are formed.

Our Value

Our value this term is 'Thankfulness'.

Art

This term we are looking at representing Autumn in a variety of media, influenced by the work of famous artists.

P.E

Swimming

This will start in the first week of term and last for 10 weeks. The children will be building on the skills taught in Year 3. The focus is to travel as fluidly and competently as possible.

Fundamental skills

We will be working on fundamental skills to build our strength and stamina. We will be working on upper body, lower body and core strength through circuit training.

R.E.

This term we will be looking at the **Golden Rule** and at what Christianity tells us about how to live a good life. We will consider how people, with or without a faith, decide what is right and wrong. As part of our 'Understanding Christianity' studies, we will learn about Christian beliefs including **Creation**.

D.T.

In Design Technology, we will be exploring simple pneumatic mechanisms. We will design, make and evaluate our own moving products.

Computing.

We will be thinking about how to use the internet safely. This includes understanding email, safe searches, social media and related safety. We will find out about networks, including the internet.