

English

Our English sessions this term will combine reading, writing, spelling and grammar. As we will have a strong focus on reading, developing reading fluency (the speed and ease at which we read words and sentences) and comprehension (understanding what we read) are our key objectives for all children. Reading will consist of whole class reading, small groups and 1:1 reading with adults where appropriate. Writing sessions will focus on developing sentence structure so that written information is conveyed clearly, concisely and with [perfect punctuation](#)! We will focus our learning around rich texts such as [Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx](#), [Horrible Histories Awesome Egyptians](#) and [The Heart Scarab](#). We will use these books to help us write adventure stories and to inform.

History

We will study the [Ancient Egyptians](#), exploring how people lived and how their civilisation evolved. This should show us a link between civilisations from history and our social structures today. We will also be learning about the pyramids and mummies!

Maths

Pupils will be building on their number and place value knowledge through [using decimals](#). We will then progress onto geometry. [Geometry](#) will be a huge focus as the term progresses. We will also learn to tell the time towards the second half of the term. Finally, the year will end with statistics. Problem solving and reasoning will be intertwined within all areas of maths. We will also practise our mental maths skills and our times tables (daily) to ensure that children know them off by heart! Please continue to practise times tables at home with your child using [Times Table Rock Stars](#).

Art

During our Art lessons the focus will be sculpturing. We will be observing Ancient Egyptian Death Masks and recreating our own version of these delights! In doing so, there will be rich discussions about shape and malleable materials.

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What are we learning this term?

Please remember to read with your child every day.

PE is every Monday this term for all classes.

Holly and Hazel – Extra PE lesson on Wednesdays.

Elm – Forest School on Wednesdays.

Children need to come into school wearing their PE kit.

For anything urgent, please contact the school office.

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Religious Education (RE)

The children will be learning about how people can make a difference in the world today. This will include studying different religion's views about aiding others and what this looks like in practice.

Personal Social Health Education (PSHE)

Year 3/4 will be focusing on 'drugs' and 'relationships.' This unit will help children learn to recognise and value the importance of medication and how to keep safe, including asking for help if they need it.

Science

In science, we will be focusing on animals, including humans. We will be exploring the differences between species' diets and the required level of nutrition. In doing so, we will explore the anatomy of animals and how they've evolved to support, protect and move their body through the use of their skeletal structure and muscles. This will help children reflect on what it means for them to be physically healthy.

Geography

In geography, we'll study rivers like the Thames, Ouse, and Nene in the UK, learning about their journey, features, and changing uses over time. We'll also explore their impact on geography, comparing them to rivers worldwide like the Danube, Ganges, Nile, Amazon, Yangtze and Mississippi.

Computing

Children will be using desktop publishing software, becoming familiar with text, images and choices of font size, colour and orientation to edit and improve documents. After this we will be looking at coding a sprite to move in four directions in order to complete a maze. Children will look at how events and actions are linked when programming.

Physical Education (PE)

Year 3/4 will be enjoying cricket lessons in the sunshine (hopefully!) during the first half of the term. We will then all be moving onto athletics. Please ensure that your child has an indoor and an outdoor PE kit and are suitably dressed for the weather.