



Walk Like An Egyptian

Year 4 – Spring Term A

This half term our topic will be History based.

Our Hook activity for this topic will be a scavenger hunt around the school grounds. Children will get a taste of what it is like to be an archaeologist as they try to put clues together. Throughout the term, children will be learning about different aspects of life in Ancient Egypt, from rulers to inventions.

Children will then use their new knowledge, skills and understanding to create a 3D representation of an Ancient Egyptian scene.

Writing

In English, we will continue exploring our narrative skills by writing adventure stories with portals to the past. Our skills focus will be setting descriptions. We will then use our new knowledge about Ancient Egyptians to write Explanation Texts about Mummification.

Children will produce two end pieces of writing:

- **A narrative about a portal to another time or place.**
- **An explanation text.**

Throughout the term children will be working on spelling rules, punctuation and vocabulary building.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will be working on formal written methods of multiplication and division of 4 digit numbers and looking at different ways of converting measurements.

Children will be practicing the following skills:

- Recall and use multiplication and division facts up to 12×12
- Use place value, to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1 and dividing by 1
- Calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres

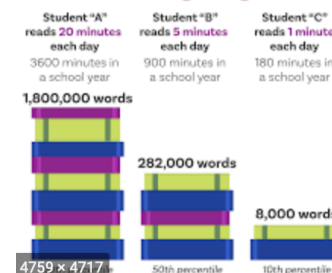
Reading

This half term, children will be further developing their inferencing skills. We will be practicing answering questions using information from a text as evidence. We will also be practising clarifying skills, looking carefully at the vocabulary in the text.

Arabic

The first topic in term 2A is Food. Students will learn the various names of common fruits, and vegetables related verbs “I drink and I eat” and related stories (e.g The Very Hungry Caterpillar) as well other stories.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



Science

This half term we will be exploring the topic of electricity. Children will learn the different types of electrical appliances, how current flows in a circuit, how switches work and how materials can be classified as electrical insulators or conductors. We will also be looking at the safety aspects of electricity too before designing and making our own electrical products linked to our topic of Ancient Egypt.

Computer Science

Comic books and stop motion animation are the theme for this term with a focus on digital publishing skills. Students will be exploring exciting platforms and applications that will turn their narrative ideas into storyboards with characters, text and interesting layouts. Following on from the comic book, students will have the chance to materialize a story into a stop motion animation, where they will understand the concept of Fps, sound effects and video editing.

Moral, Social and Cultural Development

We will start this term exploring some of the world's largest innovations. Linking to our study of Ancient Egypt we will take a look at the importance of irrigation in farming and the development of early writing systems. We will then explore the impact electricity made on the world.

PE

During Physical Education in term 2A Year 4 will participate in Athletics. The children will learn a variety of different skills and techniques that will improve their fitness and performance. We will focus on 100m, 400m, Javelin, long jump and high jump. The pupils will also learn about power and speed and why these components are important when competing in different athletic events.

French

Students will be learning about 'La famille' (the family) in French. Children will learn to say the names and ages of members of their own/fictional family. Children will also be introduced to possessive adjectives (mon, ma and mes) which mean 'my' in French.

Spanish

Students will be learning about 'La fruta' (Fruit) in Spanish. Children will learn the names of different fruits, and will also start to explore the concept of gender in Spanish- they will start to understand that nouns in Spanish are either masculine or feminine.

Art

This term Year 4 will be looking at the art of Ancient Egypt. They will be exploring this theme in detail and gain a greater understanding of this form of art. Students will be exploring a wide range of materials, and show evidence of different techniques in relation to the theme. This unit will also encourage young students to create their own Egyptian Artworks, including Pharaoh designs, 3D work, Pyramids, Hieroglyphics and others. Students will learn how to apply a variety of elements using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. The expectations are that students will produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences as well as understanding the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

Drama

This term children will be exposed to the practice of drama, developing skills in confidence, communication and creativity through practical tasks and script development.

Music

We are learning about Music this term. We will learn what it means to 'Perform', 'Compose' and 'Listen' in Music. We will sing, listen, and have the opportunity to explore and learn about a wide variety of instruments.