

English

Adventure and Mystery Stories - We will read and analyse a range of adventure and mystery stories by different authors and use these examples to write their own stories.

Explanation Reports - Children will use their topic research to write an explanation report about how Tutankhamen died.

Science—Taught by Mrs Bottoms

We have continued forces particularly focusing on magnets, their uses and investigative work testing the strength of magnets. We will also be doing investigative work around sound and materials (states of matter - solids, liquids and gases). After half term will be Rocks which will include comparing and grouping rocks based on appearance physical properties; describing how fossils are formed; how soils are partly made from rocks and investigative work around those things.

Maths

Maths lessons will be based on teaching the knowledge, skills and understanding outlined in the National Curriculum.

During Mathematics this term we will be working on a variety of skills such as rounding numbers, the four operations (+, -, x, ÷), word problems involving time, measures and money, fractions of shapes and numbers, properties of 3D shapes, symmetry, temperature, bar charts, collecting data, Carroll diagrams, converting measures, reflecting shapes and angles.

Lots of **times tables** practice and weekly mental maths tests.



Ancient Egypt

Spring Term Topic Web



History

We will be investigating why the Ancient Egyptians built the pyramids. The children will undertake a lot of research projects using a variety of sources, including books and specially chosen websites. We will discuss the reliability of these sources and investigate why the information may be slightly different.

We will also be looking at the processes and reasons why mummies were created.



RE

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church Community, Eucharist and Lent/Easter

Y4 - Community - learning about how lay people have a role in the parish community as well as the priest.

Y4 - Giving & Receiving-

Y4 - Lent/Easter - Self Discipline - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving.



Geography

Use atlases, maps (digital) and globes to locate the continents and oceans of the world. We will focus on the countries of Europe before looking at a region in France in more detail. We will be looking at the geographical features of the country as well as investigating the importance of a region.

The importance of tourism to a region.

PE

Football training with John Appleby.

The children will be focusing on football skills this half term,. Some of them will then be taken to a football tournament at Soccarena in March (details to follow). They need a change of clothing and a change of shoes—school shoes, especially those with flat surfaces, are not suitable for running and kicking balls.

Next half term we will be having tennis lessons.

Hopefully, we will be able to do this outdoors, but the weather could still be quite cool. Could you therefore please make sure that your child has some warm clothing and trainers.

Art & DT

Egyptian Wall Art - We will investigate different examples of wall art from Ancient Egypt. We will think about the colours used and the poses used in Egyptian paintings.

Pyramids - the children will be investigating pyramids and building their own examples. They will think about how to strengthen their structure and how to successfully join the different parts together.



After School Clubs

I am trying to organise a range of after school clubs again this term. We are also trying to take part in more PE competitions and festivals so please look out for details on the school website or in information sent out.



Music

Ukulele lessons every Monday

BBC 10 pieces for children—we will be listening to the music and thinking about the stories the music tells. We will also be learning to play the recorder and glockenspiel.

Some children will be starting brass lessons this term.

Homework

I am happy to say that the majority of our children are returning their homework on a regular basis. Thank you for your continued support with this.

I am trying to make our homework link into our topic. The information they find out at home is often used in lessons the following week, so it is important that they try to complete this.

Reading

As the children are becoming older, we are spending less time listening to them read on an individual basis, rather doing group reading where we can teach them skills of interpreting the information they have read and giving their own opinions about what they have read. This means that it is even more important that they are given every opportunity to read at home, at least three times per week if possible.

And finally...

Can I remind you that if you have any concerns or worries about your child, PLEASE come and speak to me. Only by working together can we help your child.