



Walk like an Egyptian

Year group: Year 4

Spring Term 2024

Rationale for Learning

Our topic this term has a history focus, where the children will be using our work on the Egyptians as the stimulus for their learning. As part of the topic children will become detectives, learning how they can find and use evidence to ask questions and find answers about the past. We will use quality texts within English to allow the children to write a range of genres for a variety of purposes. Within science we will investigate how electricity works and how we keep safe when using electrical appliances.

Suggested activities for families to help support learning

Practise times tables up to 12 x 12 by using 'Times Tables Rockstars'.

Read on a regular basis, encouraging children to record their reading in their journal. Children will be encouraged to complete Accelerated Reader quizzes when ready. Please hear your child read once a week and record this in their record.

Key Vocabulary: Egyptians, Egypt, hieroglyphics, Pharaoh, Nile, mummification, tomb, pyramid, cartouche, archeologist, Egyptologist.

Electricity, circuit, wires, series and parallel circuits, buzzers, motors, battery, cells, current, positive, negative, flow.

Reminders

PE days: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for both classes. It is advisable to have P.E. kit in all week as the days of our sessions can change due to weather and changing timetables. During cold weather, children should have tracksuit bottoms and a jumper for outdoor sessions. Please ensure all items are named.

Homework will continue to be set via Seesaw on a Tuesday, to be handed in by the following Monday.

Staff will have PPA on a Tuesday afternoon.



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Study Unit Overview

Mathematics

- Fractions
- Measures
- Shape
- Position and direction
- Times tables
- Multiplication and division written methods
- Developing problem solving skills

English

- Reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll as part of guided reading
- Non Fiction writing using historical research,
- Writing instructional texts
- Creating poems
- Diary writing

Science

- Electricity and electrical safety
- Creating circuits
- Becoming electrical engineers to solve circuit problems.
- Working scientifically

Music

- Composition using glockenspiels

Art & Design

- Hieroglyphics/ Cartouches/ Egyptian collars as part of history.
- The Art of Display – sculpture skills
- Sketching skills
- Making a working torch



Computing

Creating programs for BBC Micro:bits

Design a spreadsheet to record the weather

RE

- Buddhism – Could the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?
- The meaning of Easter.

PE

- Gymnastics – different types of jumps and sequences.
- Net Skills – team games and team work skills.

E4S

- Sex and relationships education, growing and changing. (Further information to follow)

French

- Seasons
- Weather
- Clothing

History and Geography

- Using an Atlas and Digimaps to locate Egypt
- Looking at the Nile and its course
- Learning about famous people linked to Egypt
- Finding out who the Ancient Egyptians were, how they lived and their culture and beliefs.
- Learning different methods of research and comparing sources.

