



Curriculum Newsletter

Lower School – Summer 2021

We look forward to welcoming you back to the summer term after a hopefully relaxing Easter holiday . It's going to be a fun filled term of learning , as we will be studying the Ancient Egyptians and most of our learning will have an Egyptian feel!

Please keep an eye on the school webpage for more details about any exiting learning and events taking place during the busy summer term. Towards the end of the year, we plan to have an Egyptian day – more details to follow nearer the time.

Pupils can still wear the split uniform as they did last half term and are still discouraged from bringing in bags.

English

In English, we will read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to the Ancient Egyptians.

We will continue to develop our skills as writers, in particular our editing skills. We continue to look for the positives in our work and then adapt and change our writing to better address our audience and purpose.

We will also look to increase our growing vocabulary which is of utmost importance to us!

In guided reading, we will be identifying themes across a range of different books and build on the skills already introduced this year.

PDL

We will learn about how 'No way through isn't true'. We will discuss how persevering is important in life and that even if we find something difficult, we should never give up.

Spanish

We will learn to describe animals applying our knowledge of both body parts and colours and revise other learning such as basic conversation and numbers.

Maths

We will continue to explore and develop different strategies for representing and solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems.

We will continue to learn about fractions, different representations that link to fractions and finding fractions of shapes and numbers. and also deepen our knowledge on measures.

We will also cover statistics, looking at various methods of data collection and how to interpret the findings.

Being Creative

The art and the DT this term will both link to our history topic.

In Art, we will be designing and making canopic jars in the style of the Ancient Egyptians using Modroc (plaster of Paris) and also print hieroglyphics.

In DT, we will design, make and evaluate a device to move and lift water using levers and pulleys.



Tomb Raiders The Egyptians

Physical Education

In PE this half term, we are going to be playing a new invasion game called Ultimate Frisbee learning about the importance of possession. We are also going to be playing rounders, learning to field effectively and how strike the ball accurately.

Knowledge & Understanding

Our summer term learning is a History led unit focussing on the Ancient Egyptians. We will use historical vocabulary and consider different viewpoints of the same events.

In Science, we will be learning about magnetic forces and later in the term the bones and skeletons of animals.

In RE, we will finish our unit on water as a symbol before learning about ceremonies such as birth and death ceremonies in different religions.

In Computing, we will revisit programming; developing our ability to code while learning how to solve problems and debug errors in code that we have and have not created ourselves.

Home Learning

Children should be reading to an adult at least 5 x a week and this should be recorded in their reading record book. Spellings will be sent home on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday. We will send out topic home learning shortly. The children can continue to learn their multiplication and division facts using their Times Table Rock Stars logins as well. Please do ask if your child cannot remember theirs. Other websites to use over the topic include:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/egypt/ten-facts-about-ancient-egypt/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>