Summer Term 2024

Curriculum Newsletter

Years 3 and 4

Ancient Egypt

<u>ENGLISH</u>

This term's class texts are as follows:

Y3: Charlotte's Web, Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters Bluebird.

Y3/4: The Railway Children.

Y4: Stig of the Dump, The Firework Maker's Daughter, and Every Child a Song.

Over the term, we will use our class texts as a stimulus for writing stories, non-fiction texts and poetry. With spelling, we will continue to focus on rules and patterns, and we will help the children improve their writing and editing skills.

MATHS

Year 3 will be focusing on fractions, time, money, shape and statistics. Year 4's will focus on decimals, money, time, statistics, shape and position & direction. The children will also have frequent opportunities to develop their fluency and their mental maths skills, applying them purposefully.

<u>PE</u>

The children will develop their balancing skills and agility. They will also develop their knowledge and skills in playing team games such as rounders and cricket. They will develop their athletic skills when preparing for Sports Day. Pupils in Year 3 will be developing their swimming technique this term.



HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

The children will study an overview of when and where the four ancient civilisations (Egyptian, Sumer, Indus Valley and Shang Dynasty) first appeared. Following this, they will complete an indepth study of Ancient Egypt. The children will look at how Egyptian society was structured and the importance of the River Nile. They will also find out how their agricultural advances supported them and the role of the scribe. The topic will be concluded with an enquiry into other achievements of the Ancient Egyptian civilisation and its impact on us today.

<u>FRENCH</u>

The children will be learning vocabulary to be able to tell and act the story of Cinderella (Cendrillon) in French. Later, they will be listening to the music of Carnival des Animaux by Camille Sans-Saëns and learning vocabulary to name and describe animals.

PSHE

This term the children will be learning about healthy choices and habits, personal strengths and achievements and how to overcome setbacks. They will learn about risks and hazards in the local area and unfamiliar places.

MUSIC

We will explore singing three-part songs with repeating patterns. The children will also learn to sing songs with call and response features. We will learn about syncopation, off-beat rhythms and improvisation as well as using voice and physical movement in performance. Y4 will be learning how to play a musical instrument.



SCIENCE

This term the children will learn about plant life cycles. They will learn more about the function of flowers, including pollination, seed formation and dispersal. They will also learn about living things and their habitats. They will look at how changing environments can pose a threat to the living things that live in those regions.

<u>RE</u>

The children will be learning about the importance of rules and where many rules come from. Later, they will be learning about the holy book of Islam, the Qur'an and its origins as well as its role and importance within Islam.

COMPUTING

This term children will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language. Children will then look at the difference between count-controlled and infinite loops and use their knowledge to modify existing animations and games using repetition.

<u>ART</u>

The children will be developing their 3D art skills when they design and make coil pots. They will learn how to join clay effectively using slip and create models using different techniques.