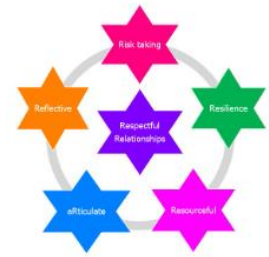




Year 4 Curriculum Update Autumn Term 2024



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Themes

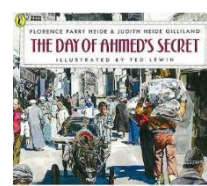
Our theme this term is 'Ancient Egyptians'. We begin this exciting topic with our interactive workshop day 'History off the Page'. This history-based theme takes the children through the history of Ancient Egypt and the legacy that this civilisation left behind. In addition to their immersive Ancient Egyptian day the children will also learn about the habitats of different animals using our own forest school area.

English

In English the children will learn about newspaper articles, diary writing, persuasive writing and stories from other cultures. Lessons will be linked together to build up to a piece of writing that demonstrates their understanding of sentence structures and organisational features of that particular text type. Many of these lessons will be linked to their history learning - particularly newspaper reports inspired by Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. They will also have a set of spellings, following a particular spelling pattern, to learn and practise using in their own sentences. Handwriting fluency is also important this term as the children continue to develop their spelling and punctuation accuracy as well as writing stamina. More information about how English is taught can be found in the curriculum section of the school website.

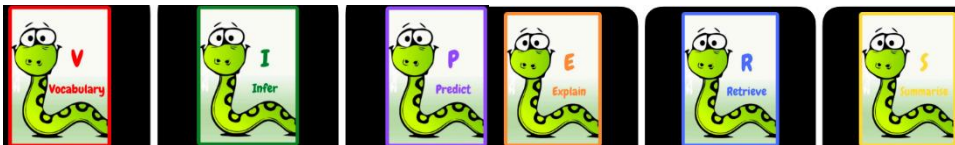
Guided reading and class novels

Podkin One Ear by Kieran Larwood
The Day of Ahmed's Secret
Skeleton Keys by Guy Bass



The children will have four sessions of guided reading a week. Two of these will be linked to these class novels and two will be based on a linked text. The children will explore different question types and explore why authors choose particular words in their stories and texts.

The children will also have opportunities to read aloud to the class, both as individuals, in a small group and as a whole class.



Our question VIPERS

Mathematics

The focus for the Autumn term is primarily on developing the children's knowledge and understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. Each lesson includes practical learning, encouraging the children to develop a range of strategies to solve problems and apply these skills in different situations. They will also continue to develop their confidence with their times tables, practising their times tables daily and associated division facts. More information can be found by looking at our calculation policy on the school website. We are also developing a new times table fluency program, with the children practising quick recall of number facts every day.

Science

In Science this term the children will have a block of lessons about Living things and their habitats. As part of this topic the children will have a forest school session and learn about native creatures and their habitats.

States of Matter is the second science topic for this term. The children will explore solids, liquids and gases and learn about the water cycle.

History/Geography

Much of this term's learning is based on History learning. The children will begin by learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

In geography learning the children will explore lines of longitude and latitude. They will use an atlas and local area maps to describe physical and human features.

Design Technology & Art

In DT the children will be designing and making an applique cotton and felt bag. The design of this will be heavily influenced by their work on their Ancient Egyptians. We will need some willing parent helpers nearer the time. Do let us know if you can use a needle and thread or a sewing machine!

Drawing and sketching work will use the work of Edgar Degas for inspiration.

Music

The children will have a weekly music lesson either with their class teacher or our specialist music teacher Mrs Brown. The focus this term is the next stage of playing the glockenspiel and reading musical notations. In addition to this they will also have a weekly singing assembly as a whole KS2.

PE

The children will have two PE lessons per week. These lessons will either be taught by our PE coaches Mrs Joubert/Mr Moss or by the class teacher. In the first half of the autumn term the focus will be on netball skills and in the second half of the term hockey. Indoor sessions will be based on fundamental movement skills. Swimming will also take place on alternate Fridays afternoons at our local pool – Lord Butler.

PSHE

In these weekly lessons we will learning about ways to talk about and manage our emotions. Following on from this the children will learn about anti-bullying and internet safety. They will also explore different strategies to deal with conflict resolution and peer mediation.

We will also regularly refer to the 'Zones of regulation' as a way of explaining how we are feeling.

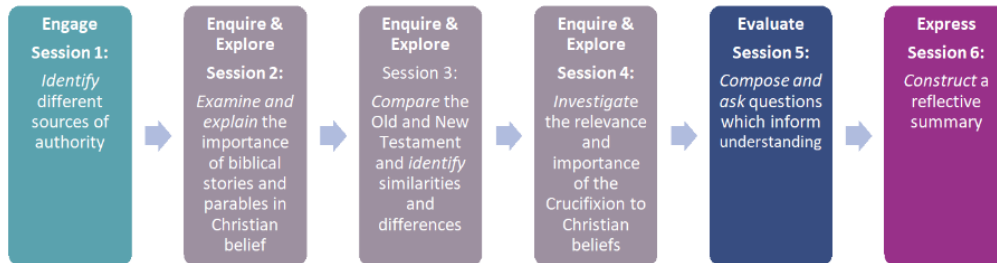


French

The children will have a weekly French lesson taught by their class teacher. They will revise greetings, numbers 1-31 and language associated with birthdays, celebrations and months of the year.

Religious Education

This term's unit is based on a theological lens, exploring where Christian beliefs come from.



Computing

The children will explore how the internet and technology can be used safely to search for information and work together to research their topics.

To support their computer literacy the children will be encouraged to use technology across foundation subjects. They will also have a series of lessons about e-safety after their 2Johns workshop.

Supporting your child's learning

In order to support your child's learning there are a range of things you can do at home, making it fun and relevant for them.

- Read with and to your child regularly – whilst we believe it is important for the children to practising reading aloud to an adult daily, they also need to listen to good quality books being read to them as an opportunity to be exposed to texts that are currently beyond their own reading capability. The children are welcome to bring and share a book during our 'Fun reading Friday' sessions.
- Do have a look on the school website for more information about how we teach maths, especially our calculation policy.
- Regularly log into spelling shed and practise a range of the games.
- Practise times tables using TT rockstars or 'Hit the Button'. Initially focus on x2x4x8 and then onto x3x6x9x12 this really helps the children to see the links between the sets of numbers in these groups.
- Engage your children to discussions about topical issues the world around them. There are specially produced newspapers for children as well as TV programmes such as 'Newsround' and Blue Peter.
- Visit our wonderful Saffron Walden town museum to find out more about the Ancient Egyptians and local wildlife and habitats.