

Topic

We will be looking at the fascinating lives of the Ancient Egyptians, one of the original great civilisations. The Egyptians had a huge impact on modern civilisation, pioneering developments in writing, mathematics, science and construction which form the basis of many of the techniques we use today. The children will be looking at the lives of people from various levels of Egyptian society.

We will build our 21st Century competency skills by comparing and contrasting their lifestyles after evaluating sources in order to learn more about them. To build on these skills after we have taught them, we will then apply and extend them by looking at sources in order to investigate the methods used to build the Pyramids.

Mathematics

Mathematics will focus on ensuring all children have a good grounding in foundational skills. We will start off by looking at number and place value (including decimals), and move on to the four operations. We will explore methods for carrying out these operations mentally, and then move on to formal written methods. We will also look at measurement and conversion, building on our place value work to include the equivalences between fractions, decimals and percentages. To finish off the unit, we will be looking at telling the time in both digital and analogue formats, as well as calculating time intervals.

Computing

Children will be looking at how to use the internet safely, and how to keep themselves safe online with the help of trusted adults. We will also look at useful online learning resources. Additionally, we will begin to create simple programmes using scratch.

Art

Our art will link to the story "Egyptian Cinderella". The children will experiment with different materials in order to create art in an Egyptian style, based upon the events in our book. This book uses a beautiful and unique art style, and we will experiment with a variety of methods, techniques and styles to recreate events and designs from this story – such as sculpture, collage and technical drawing.

We are learning...

Developing our fiction writing and persuasive writing
Exploring and critically evaluating the Ancient Egyptians
Place value and the four operations
Classifying living things

Year 4 Team

Mr Davies and Ms Maham
Mr Morgan and Mrs Rina
Mrs Van der Merwe and Mrs Jenny
Mrs Singh and Mrs Raffia
Mrs Hakim and Mrs Salil

“Let us remember: One book, one pen, and one child can change the world.”

Malala Yousafzai

English

In English, we will be looking at developing our reading comprehension skills. This will then enable us to deploy commonly used literary devices to greater effect in our own writing, as well as developing a greater understanding and appreciation of high quality literature. We will further develop our SPAG knowledge in order to complement our writing in a purposeful and effective way, deploying techniques specific to the impact we wish to have on our audience and the purpose of our work – for example, using exaggeration in order to persuade you to watch a new film. Our stimulus will be the short story “Sugarcane Juice”, which is set in Pakistan. In tandem with our work in Egypt, this will ensure our children have exposure to a wide variety of cultures other than their own, and this theme will be constant as the year progress. We will also be looking at and deconstructing film trailers in an attempt to understand how they influence the viewer, then deploying these techniques in our own film trailer scripts.

Qatar History

An integral part of our education is learning about the cultural and religious traditions in Qatar. This half-term, we will focus on some of the key elements of historical Qatar.

PE

Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in some fantastic sporting opportunities over the first half-term. Swimming, football, netball and basketball will be offered, as well as a range of after school clubs to choose from.

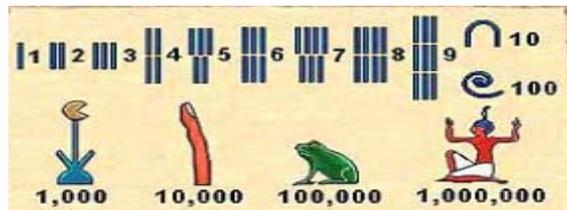
Music

Pupils will be looking at music from Egypt, and learning to recognise key components of musical composition such as beats. In addition, they will learn to analyse and listen to musical composition and pick out key details. They will then compose and perform their own musical piece, taking inspiration from “Egyptian Cinderella” and our wider learning to inform the design of their composition.

Useful Information

Important Vocabulary

We will be looking at the importance of Growth Mindset. This is the idea that everybody can improve their skills, and no one is born good at, for example, English, Maths or Football. Please discuss this with your child and praise them for trying new and difficult things, and for showing persistence and resilience in the face of challenge!



Parental Participation

Studies show that parents are the BEST teachers of reading! Please read with your child every day, and ask them questions about the book. Why is this character upset? What do you think they will do next? Can you remember why...

Have a look - useful websites



The school website (<http://www.des.com.qa>) has all the term dates you need to know. It is vital that your child has high attendance in order to ensure they fulfil their maximum potential.

You may wish to visit the parent section of www.nrich.com to find information and puzzles that can be used to challenge your child in Maths.

Library

Your child's class teacher will give you a timetable that explains when the class will visit the library.

Children are also allowed to visit the library before school and in their break times to read and change their books. This is a fantastic and free way to ensure that your child always has an interesting and fun book to read. Our Librarian will make sure they pick an age appropriate book that will challenge and excite them!

Celebrating Success!

Children in Year 4 have many ways to celebrate success both in class and in front of the whole school in Assembly.

We will also give our regular class star awards for fantastic effort and behaviour. Please offer your child lots of praise if they receive one of these awards!

Healthy Snacks

Please send your child to school with a healthy snack each day! Fruit and vegetables are encouraged.



Please do not send any nuts or products containing nuts to protect our children with allergies.

Diary Dates

Open Morning:

Please come and visit us in Year 4 on 21st September

Mum's Coffee Morning:

Please join the coffee morning on 25th September

Important Daily Reminders

Please send your child to school with their diaries every day, and remember to check their bookbags for any important letters or messages.

Remember a water bottle and sunhat every day! No hat – no play!

Please encourage your child to read at home and change their book at school if they need to!