

Numeracy

The children will be looking at ancient number systems as used in older cultures than our own. In particular, we will be studying both the hieroglyphs used in Ancient Egypt and Roman numerals used in the time of the Roman Empire.

We will be using this work to advance students' understanding of our own place value system.

Other topics that we will be covering are fractions and decimals. We will add to this by approaching both the idea of problem solving and measurement through the use of money.

In class, the children will learn the importance of knowing and applying their times tables to the math concepts taught.

So please encourage your child to practise these regularly, as they need to know all of them up to 12 by the end of the year.



Literacy

This term in Literacy we will be covering the following units:

Narrative: Classic Fiction

As part of our whole school reading and writing initiatives, we have begun reading *Oliver Twist*. The children will be acting out different scenes and putting themselves in the characters' shoes to enable them to retell the story for another perspective. They will also use this as an opportunity to work on speech punctuation while editing and improve sentence structures and vocabulary choices.

Recounts: Instructions/ Explanation

To support our topic on the Ancient Egyptians and build on our trip to the British Museum, children will explain the vital steps in preparing a body for the afterlife, including everything you need to know if you die in Ancient Egypt.

Poetry: List Poems and Poems to Perform

We will look at poems based on common themes such as 'Please Mrs Butler' by Allan Ahlberg.

Author Focus:

This term we will take a closer look at the author Jacqueline Wilson and share our experiences of reading her books with each other.



Learners

Achievers

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ICT

This term in ICT the children will be looking at internet safety, creating a basic PowerPoint and programming simple systems in everyday life, such as the traffic lights. They will be adding interactive buttons into their PowerPoints and creating complex traffic systems by learning how to debug them. This will be linked to Garrett Morgan as part of our Black History Month focus.

RE

Topic: Judaism - During our RE lessons children will be learning about:

- Sukkot
- The story of the Passover
- Beliefs about the meaning and purpose of the world
- Rules by which members of different communities live their lives



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SCIENCE

Unit: Animals including human

In this unit children will revisit what all living things share and need for their survival. They will learn and investigate different types of teeth, their jobs and how to look after them well by doing a fair test. We will also take a look at our digestive system and revisit how to keep healthy.

Furthermore, children will look at food chains and food webs, and in doing so at producers, consumers, prey and predators so they can create their own chains and/ or webs.

Homework/ Reading/ Spelling

Homework will be given out on Fridays and will need to be returned on the following Wednesday for both classes.

In our aim is to improve reading, we are asking parents to listen to their children read or encourage them to read independently for at least 20 minutes each day at home.

The children must choose a book each week and we ask parents to comment in the reading record on how they read. Can you make sure that children bring back their books every Friday as a designated member of staff will review their reading records on this day every week.

BCC

Topic: Ancient Egypt

During the course of this unit children will learn about the lives and times of the Ancient Egyptians. They will explore and interpret real artefacts to understand how the Ancient Egyptians lived as well as what they believed in.

In Art we will explore how the Egyptians left such a wonderful visible legacy of their times. We will try out similar techniques to create our very own Ancient Egyptian art.

In Geography, children will use maps and atlases to study the human and physical features of Egypt from the past and today and learn about the importance of the Nile River.



Both Year 4 Classes will be visiting the British Museum at some point during the autumn term. We welcome parent support so please come and talk to us if you are interested!

Physical Education

Swimming lessons are on Fridays for Hazel Class and on Tuesdays for Beech Class. Children must bring in their swimming costumes, a towel and a swimming cap. All children must participate as this is part of our PE lessons.

P.E. is on Wednesdays for Hazel class and Fridays for Beech. The themes this term are football and Tag rugby.

Children **MUST** bring their PE kit which is black jogging bottoms or shorts, white t-shirt or sweatshirt, and black trainers or plimsolls.

