



YEAR 4 – Summer 1

Topic/theme

Ancient Civilisations

In the Ancient Civilisations topic, children will learn about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations; ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation. This term, we will focus on Ancient Egypt and explore what city life was like from this period by studying Egyptian scrolls, wall paintings, drawings and tombs. Children will then look at the hierarchy of ancient Egypt and compare this to ancient Sumer which they have explored in previous lessons. Finally, we will discuss the role of the pharaoh and explore ancient artefacts that Howard Carter discovered in Tutankhamun's tomb.

Reading

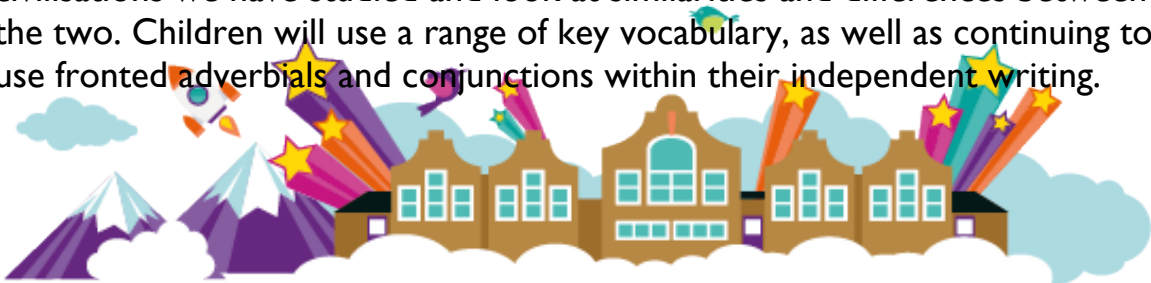
Reading is an invaluable part of your child's education and is key to learning in all subjects across the curriculum. We aim to develop our children into confident and fluent readers, and to broaden their vocabulary, by exposing them to a rich diet of high-quality texts from a range of different genres. This term, we will explore a range of texts that link to our topic of Ancient Civilisations.

Writing

In Year 4, children will continue to develop their writing skills through both fiction and non-fiction writing.

Fiction: Using *Soar* as our writing stimulus, children will plan and write their own story with a strong central character using show not tell techniques. Children will use a range of fronted adverbials and conjunctions as well as continuing to use figurative language and dialogue with confidence.

Non-Fiction: Our non-fiction writing this term will link to our topic of Ancient Civilisations. Children will write a comparative report based upon their own notes taken from several sources. We will compare the two civilisations we have studied and look at similarities and differences between the two. Children will use a range of key vocabulary, as well as continuing to use fronted adverbials and conjunctions within their independent writing.





Maths

This half term in Maths we will be looking at the following topics:

- Area of figures
- Geometry
- Position and movement
- Roman numerals

Times table knowledge is a key skill within Year 4 and all pupils are aiming to feel confident with their tables up to 12. This knowledge can help children in all areas in Maths so please continue to support children with this and encourage TTRS where possible.

PSHE

Changing me:

In this unit, children look at the feelings associated with change and how to manage these. Children will learn that change can bring about a range of different emotions and that change is a normal part of life. Children will learn to appreciate their own uniqueness and that of others. We will explore strategies for managing future changes.

Science

Electricity

This is a unit of work that children will enjoy. They will start by looking at different common appliances that run on electricity and explore how much energy they use. They will also look at where these appliances can be found in our own homes. This will require children to classify and work scientifically by drawing simple scientific diagrams. After this, children will spend time working with electrical circuits, building and testing a range of simple series circuits.





History

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Art

Tomb builders

This project teaches children about simple machines, including wheels, axels, inclined planes, pulleys and leavers. Children will explore how these inventions helped ancient builders to lift and move heavy loads. Children will design their own machines and use a range of junk modelling materials to create and test a prototype.

Music

This term, we will have a music teacher visiting us every week and will continue to learn how to play the ukulele.

Computing

This half term we will be hardware investigators. We will learn the different parts that make up a computer.

Physical Education

This half term, we are very lucky to have a PE coach who will teach athletics.

RE

This half term, we will be focusing upon Islam and the festival Eid Ul-Adha. This is the second most important festival in the Muslim calendar.

French

This half term, the children will focus on all things summer! They will learn how to describe the weather in different seasons and will be able to give the weather forecast. Children will then learn different ice cream flavours and be able to say which ice creams they love, like and dislike.

