

Year 4 Newsletter Term 3 Spring 1

Tombs and Treasures- Ancient Egypt

Welcome back! This term our topic is 'Tombs and Treasures'. We will be reading Ma'ats Feather, a story about a young boy who is born into a farming family in Ancient Egypt.



English

In our English lessons, we will be discovering facts and writing a non-chronological report about Ancient Egypt. We will also be reading the story Heart and the Bottle, creating character descriptions by planning and writing our own story to publish. We are reading Ma'ats Feather, a story of an 8 year Egyptian boy, and we will be meeting the author.

We will be continuing to focus on cursive handwriting, common spelling patterns and grammar. We will also be focusing on using English across the curriculum to further develop our writing skills.

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on number skills, continuing to use the four operations in mental and written calculations. We will further develop our understanding of place value and fractions by looking at tenths and hundredths. We will also be using and applying these skills in different contexts. We will be solving word problems and investigations. We will focus on geometry through identifying angles, translation and position.

Science

In Science, we will be looking at sound. We will be identifying how sounds are made and how they travel. We will be working scientifically to find patterns between the pitch of a sound and the features of the object that produced it, also between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. We will also investigate how a sound changes as the distance from the source increases. We will be making our own creative sounds with Kim, our music teacher, every Wednesday.

Topic

Our main topic focus will be History. We will be finding out about Ancient Egypt and looking at a range of artefacts to help us understand more about the lifestyle of that time. This will include learning about the pyramids, burials, gods and mummification. We will be learning about the different Pharaohs and Queens, writing, art and myths. This term we will be learning different design techniques including sculpture with a range of materials. We will be painting the pyramids at sunset, designing and painting a cartouche, creating canopic jars and writing in hieroglyphics. During E-Safety, we will be learning how to protect themselves by discussing what is public and private information. We will also identify when to go for help and support when they have concerns about the content or communication/contact. In R.E we will be learning about Sikhism. We will complete First Aid training in choking. In SRE we will be learning about puberty and how their body and emotions may change as they develop.

P.E

This term, we will be learning the key skills required for gymnastics and netball/ basketball. Both classes will have a PE session every Monday and Friday. Please make sure your child has appropriate kit (trainers, black, blue or grey jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and a jumper). This needs to be separate to their school uniform (and is not worn underneath their school uniform). Please make sure your child has their name written in all of their clothing.

Home learning

Home Learning will be issued on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of English homework, one piece of Maths homework and spellings each week. They will also be given a topic based project to complete throughout the term. It is really important that children are practicing times tables at home, because these form the foundations for much of the Maths work we are doing in class. Children are expected to be able to randomly recall their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. Please support your child in working towards this.

Dates for the diary:

Author Visit – 30th January

Recycling Centre Trip – 6th and 7th February

Please look at the school website to see the children's learning in action!
www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution.

In Term 1, our visitor delivered an Anglo-Saxon day which really helped the children to learn about Anglo Saxons life style, history and culture by bringing their learning alive.

In Term 2, our visitor was the Fresh Water Theatre who delivered a Lets Locate workshop to inspire our children's learning about the geography of the UK.

For Term 3, our trip will be to the recycling centre to inspire our children's learning about sustainability, as well as a visit from the author of our topic book Ma'at's Feather.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure this trip and visitor can take place. Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks.