

English

This half term we will be using a variety of media as a stimulus for our writing including a much longer chapter book, non-fiction texts and comic-book style fiction texts, all based around the theme of both Ancient Egypt and its modern-day equivalent. During this half term, the children will have the opportunity to develop their writing skills writing a news report based on the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, a non-fiction museum guide and writing a narrative with a suspenseful opening!

History

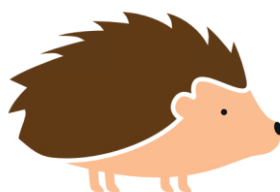
The Ancient Egyptians is such a wonderful topic, that this year the children are going to be able to develop their knowledge over this half term and that of Summer 1. This half term, we will focus on understanding what period of time this relates to, how their Society was organised, why the River Nile was so important to them and the significance of their Pharaohs. We will also begin to explore their belief in the afterlife, although this will be developed more in the second half of the topic. The children will be able to use a range of sources, including looking at some artefacts.

ICT

The children will begin to explore how they can edit multiple animations of a character, to create a longer video. They will also use software to animate objects – literally being able to bring any object to life – adding their own voice over the top! Alongside this, the children will continue to use computing equipment in a range of cross-curricular activities e.g. iPads to access Times Tables Rockstars or as tools for research.



Year 4 Hedgehogs Newsletters



Spring 2 2026 Tomb Raiders – Part 1

Mathematics

In maths, we will continue to embed the rapid recall of both number facts and times tables knowledge, alongside applying this in a range of problems. This half term, we will also concentrate on multiplication and division, including some fraction work, subtraction and addition with statistics, before finishing with measurement, focusing on volume, capacity and scales.

PSHE

This half term we will be looking at “Rights and Responsibilities,” which not only focuses on the responsibilities that others have towards us, but how we must take responsibility for our own actions, too.

Science

The topic of ‘How do plants reproduce’ is continuing into Spring 2. We will be looking at different flowers, how pollination happens, planting of seeds and how pollination and seed growth happens and discussing key words such as stamen and stigma.

We will also be discovering why petals have a range of colours, patterns and smells to attract insects.

Ways to support the topic

- Explore a range of books about the Ancient Egyptians – both fiction and non-fiction
- Help your child to practise their spellings, in readiness for their weekly test, and their online English or Maths homework.
- Encourage your child to change their library book regularly.
- Help your child to practise their Times Tables, in readiness for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.

If you have any questions or worries, please feel free to make an appointment to come and talk to Miss Finlay.

P.E.

Hedgehogs will have their P.E. lesson on a **Tuesday**, so must **come in wearing their P.E. Kit, including their P.E. Hoodie**. The plain T-shirt in their House Team colour can continue to be purchased and patterned items of clothing are not permitted. There should also be **no jewellery** worn on a P.E. day.



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