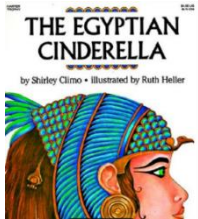


In English we will be...

Reading **The Egyptian Cinderella** by Shirley Climo; this will tie in with our History focus. The book focuses on a Greek slave girl who married the Pharaoh. Servant girls are the wicked stepsisters, a kindly master acts as fairy godmother with a handsome pharaoh as Prince Charming.

In Class Reading, we will continue to study chapter novels including Roald Dahl's *Matilda*.



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Year 4 Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2023

Welcome back Year 4. We hope you have had a great half term break. We can't wait to continue with all our learning. Excellent work with the homework set over the break and keeping up with all your reading. Roll on Autumn 2!

Mrs Jacobs, Mr Boorman and the Year 4 support team: Miss Vane and Mrs Henderson

How can you help at home?

English – Please can you encourage your child to read to an adult at least **three** times a week. We would appreciate it if you could ask them questions about what they are reading e.g. What do you think will happen next? How has the author described one of the characters? Please sign the record book each time. Please could you also encourage your child to complete the weekly spelling activities.

Maths – Please support your child in learning their times tables and identifying their division facts. Many children need further support to tell the time using analogue time and using the 24 hour clock. Maths concepts can be consolidated by encouraging children to regularly go on Mathletics.

Important Dates

Monday 13th November- Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17th November-Children in Need
Thursday 23rd November-Parent forum 9am
Monday 27th- Wednesday 29th November – Book Fair
Wednesday 29th November - Flu immunisations
Friday 8th December- FoR Own Clothes Day, KS2 Christmas Carols
Saturday 9th December-Christmas Fair
Monday 18th December- Christmas Class Parties
Tuesday 19th December-Christmas Lunch and last day of term

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be set via Seesaw and will be assigned on Fridays. Seesaw learning will include a spelling activity and an activity related to another area of the curriculum. The children will also be assigned an activity on Mathletics. Please can all activities be completed by the following Thursday. Children are also expected to read aloud to someone at home and have their reading record completed at least **three** times a week. Support for reading is invaluable in terms of the children's progress across all subjects.

Useful Websites

www.mathletics.co.uk

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games

e.g Hit the button, Coconut multiples

www.teachingtime.co.uk/draggames/sthec1.html

<http://primarygamesarena.com/Years/Year-4>

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- lots of subjects

Maths frame – wide range of maths based games to work on

Duolingo – for new languages

As mathematicians we will be...

- Estimating answers and using efficient subtraction methods
- Understanding the meaning of area
- Working out the area of any given shape
- Comparing areas of a variety of shapes to understand which is greater
- Continuing practising our times tables including:
 - 3 times tables
 - 6 times tables and division facts
 - 9 times tables and division facts
 - 7 times tables and division facts
 - 6 times tables and division facts
 - 11 times tables and division facts
 - 12 times tables and division facts
- Learning how to multiply 3 numbers

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As Historians we will be:

- Diving into life in Egypt 5,000 years ago.
- Finding out about Tutankhamun and what we have learned about him
- Exploring the pyramids and whether they have been correctly portrayed in modern media
- Looking at the importance of the afterlife and mummification

In Computing...

We will be looking at PowerPoint and its functions to create a slideshow on Egyptians.

As Musicians we ...

Are working with BYMT to provide children with some outstanding music teaching. The children will take part in a rolling programme consisting of singing lessons, music technology and instrumental lessons. The objective is to provide a continuum of study, giving students the opportunity to further develop their musical skills.

In PE we...

Will be continuing to develop key skills with coach on a Tuesday. In our other PE lesson, on Fridays, the children will be developing their dance and movement skills.

REMINDER of PE days: **Tuesday and Friday**

Please ensure the children come in dressed ready for PE as they will be unable to get changed at school.

In RE...

We will be learning about Christianity and exploring the symbolism of the Christmas story. In particular, why is it so important to Christians and the significance of the service of Christingle.

As Scientists, we...

will be delving into electricity and how it impacts our everyday life. We will be:

- Looking at common appliances that use electricity
- Constructing a simple circuit
- Learning how the layout of circuits affects the flow of electricity

As designers we ...

Will be investigating a variety of different light systems and how an electrical system works. Over the term, we will design and make our own light signs through rigorous planning, simple yet effective design choices and careful workmanship.

In French...

We will investigate our local area, learning how to give directions and ask how to find a certain place. We will also be looking at interesting vocabulary and phrases for creating poetry for both Bonfire Night and Christmas.