

English

Grammar is taught separately each day to Year 3 and Year 4 which focuses on a specific skills and followed up in writing lessons. Birch Class are also discretely taught spelling and will engage in a weekly spelling test. Comprehension is taught separately to Year 3 and Year 4. Year 3 will continue this half-term applying their knowledge to multiple different extracts of genres of writing to strengthen, apply and develop their knowledge of comprehension. Year 4 will continue to work through the application of comprehension skills, using our current book 'River Boy' focusing on developing retrieval, inference and vocabulary skills through extracting evidence from the text.

We are loving creating our narratives from our Ancient Egyptian themed book, Marcy and the Riddle of the Spinx, it has completely immersed us into Ancient Egypt way of life! We are looing forward to carefully constructing them, choosing our vocabulary and grammar carefully to ensure our word choices and grammar features reflect the style of narrative we are aiming for. Throughout the rest of the half term, we will also structure a persuasive leaflet aiming to entice people to visit Ancient Egypt and write a diary entry in the style of an Ancient Egyptian pharaoh!

Art and D&T: For summer term, we will be creating Egyptian Collars!

PSHE: Our topic for PSHE is Growing and Changing!

Music: Children will be taught music from KAPOW music, focusing on the genre of Rock and Roll. We will also engage in a weekly music lesson by our Music Leader, Miss Dykes.

Science

Our topic this half term for is 'Electricity'.

The topic will cover: identifying common appliances that run on electricity, construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers, identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery, recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit, recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

Computing:

We will continue to develop our computing skills with a focus of 'Creating Media Using iPads', Every half- term sees Online Safety taught throughout the school catered to the specific online safety needs in Birch Class.

Maths

We begin each day with timetables practice which our children love! This really helps them to secure their knowledge of timetables up to 12 x 12 in a given time period. The children can see themselves improve day by day and secures their knowledge ready for the Multiplication Test Check in Year 4. **Year 4 will complete the Multiplication Test Check from the week commencing 12th June.** All of the children also complete 10 arithmetic style questions, differentiated to each year group, to secure their knowledge of mental maths and recap learning from previous lessons. This will be built upon the knowledge in the Autumn Term and Spring Term, we also consolidate knowledge from the previous weeks / days to plug gaps in learning.

Year 3: Year 3 will begin the half –term focusing on time, from digital to analogue and telling the time confidently using roman numerals. We will then consolidate our knowledge of shape and statistics before the end of the half-term.

Year 4: Year 4 will begin the half –term developing their problem solving skills with money, before moving onto time and developing confidence in the 12 and 24 hour clock and digital and analogue time. Year 4 will then move onto shape, statistics and position and direction in maths.

Summer 1

Rewind Time –

Ancient Egyptians



Important Information:

Please remind your child to bring their learning journals and to write in them when they are reading independently as well as with an adult.

THE LAST TTRS SESSION FOR YEAR 4 is Wednesday 7th June.

History

In this half-term we will construct a biography on Cleopatra VII and her impact on Ancient Egyptian Civilisation. We will develop our knowledge of Julius Ceaser's impact on the ruling of Ancient Egypt, as well as delve deeper into the importance of the River Nile then and now and its crucial impact on the trade in Ancient Egypt and the lives of those in modern times.

RE: This half term will focus on: What can we learn from religious to help us decide what is right or wrong?

French Nous apprenons 'La Mateo'