**Social Studies a**n**d Technologies**

This term the focus will be on Ancient Egypt. The children will compare daily life in the past to their own life. They have come up with the following big questions that they would like to find out more about.

**Where is Egypt and what does it look like there?**

**What was daily life like in Ancient Egypt?**

**Why was the River Nile important?**

**What famous people lived during Ancient Egyptian times?**

**What were the pyramids for and what is inside them?**

Our learning from this topic will be showcased at a sharing the learning event at the same time as the school’s Book launch on Friday 23rd March.

**Science**

Science this term will be taught by Mrs Potter. The focus will be on the human body. The children will learn about the position and function of the skeleton and major organs.

Homework

Primary 4 homework is given out on Wednesdays and should be returned to the class teacher for the following Wednesday. This gives parents and children the opportunity to complete homework over the weekend should they wish. Sometimes an additional topic grid will be given alongside the weekly homework grid. Dates for when homework is due will always be printed on the homework grid.

Thank you for your continued support,   
Miss Anna Nicholson and Mrs Allison Ward

**Expressive Arts**

**Art**We will draw portraits of Egyptians and create our own Egyptian marks. We will look at famous portrait artists and create portraits in a similar style.

**Drama**

Using our research about Ancient Egyptians, we will take on the role of a variety of different people who lived during this time and take part in ‘hot seating’ where we will answer questions about Ancient Egyptian people’s daily lives.

**Numeracy**

Numbers and Number ProcessesWe will continue to focus on learning times tables particularly 3 and 4. We will work on division with some children dividing 3 digit numbers by single digits.

TimeWe will be learning to read times on clocks, convert digit time to analogue, make links between 24hr and 12hr clock. We will learn the number of hours in a day and solve word problems relating to time durations.

Symmetry

We will be looking at symmetrical shapes and patterns.

Mathematics and its Impact on the World

We will learn how numbers were used throughout history, in particular Egyptian hieroglyphs.

**Literacy**

We are continuing this term with Minister’s Reading Challenge. Your child should continue to read a variety of books at home for enjoyment and record this in the reading passport. We will also be reading books in class and reading lessons will focus on identifying the main idea of a text and asking and answering more complex question about what we have been reading. We will also be finding information in non-fiction texts, making notes on what we have read and using the information to create our own poems, fact files and stories. We will also be writing our own books based on Ancient Egyptians which we will share with parents at the school’s book launch on Friday 23rd March. Learners will continue to be taught spelling rules and use Nessy both in class and at home.

**Health and Wellbeing**

This term we will continue to focus on the different ways the media and advertising affect our choices toward food. We will also learn about the safe use of medicines.

**PE**  
Our PE days are a Monday, Thursday and Friday.

This term we will be working on yoga and its link to mindfulness. We will also be doing a block of basketball.

**RME**

This will be taught by Mrs Potter. The focus this term will be on the world religion of Judaism and its link with Egypt.

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