

Class Estuary Curriculum Summary



Our topic this term is
Ancient Egypt

Our value this term is
Compassion

PE: Swimming (year 4) and Netball (year 5)

Football for both year groups

Year 5 need to wear PE kits on Mondays and Thursdays. Year 4 will need swimming kit on a Friday and PE kit on Thursdays.

English:

Narrative: Horrid Henry stories and Horrid Henry's Birthday Party – Francesca Simon. From analysing this text, children will be writing their own version of a Horrid Henry story and creating their own humorous character with an alliterative name. We have a SPAG focus on inverted commas for speech and expanded noun phrases to add to descriptive detail.

Poetry: Old Possum's book of practical cats – TS Elliot

The children will be using descriptive language to write their own poems based on ones that they have read. We will have a SPAG focus of parenthesis using commas, dashes and brackets as well as using relative clauses correctly.

Computing:

Computing systems and networks – The Internet

Music:

Composition and notation – Linked to Ancient Egypt

RSHE:

- Family life to include changes in a family and getting married.
- Kindness

Topic:

The children will be learning in depth about the achievements of this ancient civilisation. They will learn about how and where the ancient Egyptians lived, what was important to the daily lives of ancient Egyptians, who Tutankhamun was and how mummies were made. The children will also learn about how Egyptian people used hieroglyphs to communicate and compare the powers of different gods.

Science:

Year 5: Properties of materials

Year 5 are having their science lessons with year 6. Please see Class Ocean's overview for more details.

Year 4: Electricity

The children will be able to group appliances that run on electricity before using their skills to construct their own simple circuits and name the basic parts. Children will set up their own scientific investigations to explore whether circuits are complete or incomplete. We will also set up some tests to decide whether a range of materials are insulators or conductors and explain our predictions scientifically. The children will also have the opportunity to debate scientifically whilst understanding the usage of switches.

Art & Design Technology:

- Observation, Pastel and Digital media - Egyptian Pharaohs.
- Children will also be making their very own mummy inside a Sarcophagus and will use team building skills to recreate the timeline of pyramids.

Homework:

Homework is sent out on a Friday and due in on the following Thursday. There will be maths weekly and a spelling rule activity. Times Tables Rockstars will also be set weekly.

Mathematics:

Year 4:

- Place value in numbers to 10,000.
- Ordering and comparing decimals.
- Representation of numbers
- Roman Numerals to 100 (C).
- Counting in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000.

Year 5:

- Identify factors and multiples of numbers.
- Understanding square and cube numbers.
- Prime Numbers
- Place value in numbers up to seven digits.
- Roman numerals to 1000 (M)
- Addition and subtraction (mental and written methods) – including decimals

RE:

How do Jews in Gloucestershire celebrate festivals, and how does this show what matters to them?

Other:

Guided Reading text – Secrets of a sun king but Emma Carrol - Linked to our Egyptians topic

Year 5 have forest schools all term every Friday – Starting 5th September.

Year 3 and 4 Swimming on Fridays – Starting 12th September.

Year 4 will be taking part in the statutory times table check in June 2026 – please continue to practice all of the times tables up to 12 x12 as much as possible using times table Rockstars (Please see website for some fun supportive games).

Reading Challenge continues – try to read at least every other night.