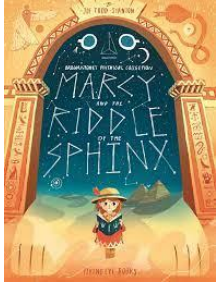


CLASSROOM NEWS

Autumn 2
2023/24



English

Our key text this half term is 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' which links perfectly to our ancient Egypt topic. We will be writing a variety of text types including diary entries and non-chronological reports.

We will continue to learn the Year 4 spellings and improving our punctuation and grammar especially fronted adverbials to add detail and description.

Maths

In maths we are going to continue with the unit which is 'Addition and Subtraction'. We will learn how to use the inverse operation to calculate answers and check answers. We will then move on to the next unit which is 'Multiplication and Division'. We are going to learn how to multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100, how to use simple multiplication facts to work out more complex multiplications and how to use the formal written methods for both operations. We are going to learn how to use the 'bus stop' method to divide large numbers and the short multiplication method to multiply 4-digit numbers.

Science

Our topic in science is 'Animals including Humans'. We are going to learn about the human digestive system and how it works. We will learn all about the different types of human teeth and also about animal food chains.

The key vocabulary and key knowledge can be doing on our science 'must knows'.

Other information:

- This half term we will have a PE lesson on **Wednesday afternoons**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on Wednesday every week.
- Children are tested on their times tables and spellings every Friday. Please make sure your child is learning these throughout the week, ready for the test on the Friday.
- Your child will be sitting the national multiplication test in June 2024. Please can you make sure your child is learning their times tables at home.

Topic

This half term we have a history based topic all about Ancient Egypt. We will learn to locate Egypt on a map. We will also learn all about the lives of ancient Egyptians including the process of mummification. We will learn about the history of the river Nile and explore why it was so important to the Egyptians. We will also become historians using primary and secondary sources to learn all about the famous pharaoh Tutankhamun.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 6th November - School opens
- Wednesday 8th November - individual school photograph day
- Wednesday 8th November - Parents Evening 1.20 -6pm
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th November - Anti-bullying week
- Wednesday 15th November - Matt's Gym club trip
- Friday 17th November - Children in Need yellow/spotty/sporty theme non-uniform day
- Monday 4th December - Christmas fayre
- Wednesday 6th December - Level 1 Bikeability
- Tuesday 19th December - upper school singing around the tree performance 2.15pm
- Friday 22nd December - School closes