

Ancient Egypt Year 4

English

Focus texts: *Secrets of a Sun King & Egyptian Cinderella*

Writing Outcomes: Poetry, Newspaper Reports, Persuasive writing, Letters and Narrative.

Grammar: Using determiners, clauses, direct speech, expanding sentences using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions.

Guided reading: Using the reading VIPERS to focus on the skills of: vocabulary, inference, prediction, explaining, retrieval and summarising.

We will also be focusing on a weekly spelling rule and neat, joined handwriting.

Read as much as possible with your child and encourage them to discuss what they have read.

For example: Why do you think the boy was lonely? How do you know he was lonely? This will help to develop their understanding of the text on a deeper level.

Ask your child to practice their weekly spellings both orally and in a written form. The children will be tested on application of these spellings across different pieces of writing, as well as in their weekly text.

Wherever possible please practise handwriting with your child to develop a neat, cursive style of writing.



Find Reading Vipers sentence stems here:

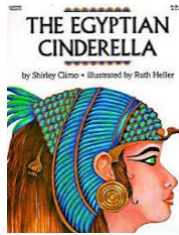
<https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/resource/reading-vipers-question-stems-ks2>

Useful websites:

<https://bedrocklearning.org/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<http://www.collinsdictionary.com/english-thesaurus>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>



At school, we will



At home, you can help by:

This could help:

Mathematics

This term we will be working on:

Number and Place Value
Multiplication Facts
Measuring
Area
Problem Solving



We will also continue with our weekly Assertive Mentoring Lessons, which visit all Year 4 mathematical skills including: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Decimals, Geometry and Measures.

We will have a weekly multiplication and division focus

Encourage your child to practise multiplication and division facts with increased speed.

Get your child adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing as much as possible! For instance, ask them to calculate a total or change in a shop or divide treats up after dinner.

The more you can encourage your child to use mental calculation strategies, the quicker he/she will progress so keep firing real life mathematical problems their way!

Log onto **TTRockstars** regularly across the week.



Visit the **Topmarks** website:
www.topmarks.co.uk

Visit our **school website**:
www.sjv.coventry.sch.uk/interactive-maths-games

Religious Education

CREATION & THE STORY OF ABRAHAM TO JOSEPH

The children will hear and learn about some important stories from the Book of Genesis. They will explore some important images of God found in these stories and consider what it means for human beings to be made in the image and likeness of God.



Attend mass each week, talking about the Liturgy and Gospel.



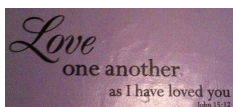
Encourage your child to talk about the kind of person God intends them to be and how this can be seen through their actions.

Set aside a special time of day to pray together as a family.

Have a special place in your home dedicated to God.

Think about ways in which you can contribute to the community and Parish life as a family.

Discuss some of the parables of Jesus, talk about the messages we learn from them.



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Science

Animals Including Humans

This unit focuses on the digestive system in humans and animals and the functions of teeth.

Children will learn more about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores in the context of teeth, digestion and the food chain.

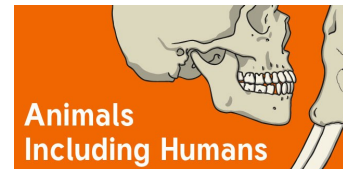
In addition, they will extend their understanding of food chains to more complex chains and food webs.

The children will carry out a scientific enquiry.

At home you could:

Create a weekly diary of how to take care of your teeth

Children your own model of a human digestive system.



Useful links/apps:

<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/science/teethandeating/>

<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/science/bodyandmedicine/digestivesystem/>

<http://tinybop.com/apps/the-human-body>

Humanities

Walk like an Egyptian

Why do we know so much about the chronology of Ancient Egypt?

What was it like to live in Ancient Egypt?

Why was The River Nile so important to the Egyptians?

What and how was mummification practiced in Ancient Egypt?

Why did Ramesses II become known as the 'Great Ancestor'?

Why was Alexandria such an important city?

Who was the boy king, Tutankhamun?

Create a fact file / power point about Egypt and the River Nile



<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Egypt.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>

<https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/top-10-facts-about-ancient-egypt/#>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Egypt.html>

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Arts

Investigating Patterns

Focus:

Develop detailed pattern sketches with precision

Create and design balanced, symmetrical patterns

Produce and cut stencils for use in coloured pattern work

Apply paint techniques to design symmetrical patterns

Explore and apply a variety of colouring techniques to express design

Exploring different patterns at home or in nature such as on tiles, fabrics or leaves.

Pick a pattern to sketch and then fold the paper to explore symmetry by mirroring the design across the fold. (For example sketching a leaf and then folding the paper down middle)

Extra: Use different materials such as crayons & paints to decorate designs

