



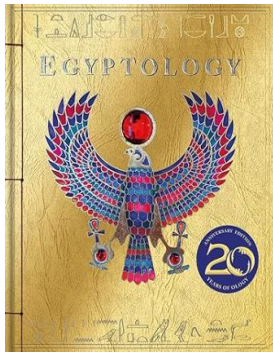
Class 3/4 Autumn Spring Term Overview 2024

We have a very exciting term ahead in year three and four!

We will start the term with Art week where we will be focussing on a variety of skills based on Collage. We will then be introducing our new topics, looking at what we already know and what we would like to find out. This term we will be starting our swimming lessons taking place on Friday afternoons. We also have an Egyptian day planned based around our new History topic on **Monday 22nd January**! Look at the learning opportunities below to see what we will be doing in school during Spring.

English

Writing



In our writing we will be focussing on writing a narrative setting description, a non-chronological report, a play script and poems. Our first focus text will be *Egyptology* by Dugald Steer, which links to our history topic The Ancient Egyptians. We will then use this to help us write our own non-chronological reports.

Year 3 will be focusing on expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions, using the correct form of 'a' and 'an' and including headings and sub-headings to aid presentation.

Year 4 will be focusing on using paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme and choosing the appropriate noun or pronoun within sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition.

Reading



Every week in our reading, we will be focusing on a different reading skill (VIPERS). We will explore, unpick, model, answer and apply our knowledge to each extract we explore.

Maths

Year 3

Multiplication & Division- We will be practicing our methods and strategies and working on our 3, 4, 6, 8 times tables.

Mass and Capacity- We will be looking at different units of measurements, comparing different masses and volumes and we will also practice using scales.

Fractions- In Spring 2 we will be introducing fractions. Specifically looking at understanding the denominator of fractions, equivalent fractions and ordering fractions.

Year 4

Multiplication and Division - We will be practicing multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 as well as learning strategies to multiply and divide 3 digit numbers by a one digit number.

Shape - We will be looking at how to understand, identify and compare angles. We will also be looking at lines of symmetry.

Fractions - We will be focusing on fractions, specifically looking at mixed numbers and how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers. We will also be learning how to add and subtract two or more fractions.

Every week we will have a designated lesson for our times tables to focus on methods of working out and to complete our weekly times table tests. This will be preparing us for our times tables checks in year four!

Science

Our focus this term will be Biology and Physics.



In Physics (Spring 1) we will be exploring electricity.

In Biology (Spring 2) we will be exploring plants and living things.

RE



In RE with Mrs Hargreaves we will be exploring Islam and the theme of Salvation within Christianity.

Wider Curriculum

In **History** we will be exploring 'Egyptians'. We are also holding an Egyptian day on **Monday 22nd January** to support our learning- details to follow.

In **Geography** we will be exploring if all settlements are the same.

In **Music** we will be exploring 'Stop!' and 'The Dragon Song.'

In **ICT** we will be exploring Programming and sequencing sounds.

In **Art** our focus is collages. We will be practicing a variety of skills such as overlapping, tessellation, creating a montage, mosaic and quilting.

In **PE** we will be focussing on our social skills, teamwork, creativity and adaption. On **Friday afternoons** we will also be going swimming at Staffordshire leisure centre. Children should bring their full swimming kit with them on this day.

In **MFL** we will be learning to say key phrases for celebrations, telling a story and our sporting lives

In **PSHE** we will be focussing on our personal development with the topics coming home on time, grief, online bullying and chores at home.

Useful websites

- ["https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3"](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=3) for Maths games and activities.
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar> Spelling and Grammar Games
- <https://www.ictgames.com/> ICT Games has both Maths and English games, some of these are great for using on a tablet.
- <https://www.trockstars.com> Fantastic for helping to learn our X tables
- <https://www.timestables.co.uk/> A fun way to learn your times tables
- <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> Bug Club for all your E reading books
- [CENTURY](#)

How to support your child at home

Reading and homework expectations:

- Read every night with your child, encouraging them to read aloud and please sign their reading record at least once a week (their reading pack also needs to come into school every day).
- Children are expected to practice their times tables on TT rock stars every week. This will help them with their weekly times tables checks.
- Children will be sent home with 5 spellings every week for them to practice. They will also be expected to practice another 5 spellings out of their individual passports (10 in total). **Year 3 will be tested on these on a Wednesday and Year 4 will be tested on a Thursday.**
- We are still using the online platform 'Century' which the children are expected to spend 20 minutes a week on completing the various nuggets.



Other ideas:

- We will post each week on Class DoJo to tell you all about our learning. Talk to your child about what they have done and what they have enjoyed. Please like and comment on posts and let us know if there are any areas of learning you would love to see photos of.
- We are encouraging year three and four to become independent learners and have high expectations for their presentation of work, including handwriting. We have made lots of progress with this so far so please encourage the children to keep it up!
- PE will be on **Monday for class 3/4B and Wednesdays for class 3/4A** so children are to come in their PE kits on these days.