



The Bellbird Primary School

"Soaring to Success"

Year 4 Summer Term

PE: Monday afternoon PE lessons will be led by a visiting cricket coach and Tuesday afternoon PE lessons will continue to be taken by Premier Sport, with a focus on athletics.

History: In History this term, we will be focusing on Ancient Egypt. We will learn about Pharaohs, Gods and Goddesses, mummies, pyramids and much more! We have also arranged for History Off The Page to come and work with the children in school for an immersion day in late June. We will need parent helpers for the day; more on this to follow!

French: In French this term, we will learn to talk about family members and pets and their characteristics, developing vocabulary to describe their features.

Computing: The children will learn some word processing skills and will combine technological and music skills, using programs to compose a piece of music.

Art/DT: This summer, we will be learning about printing and creating our own designs to print onto various materials. We will be studying the work of contemporary Egyptian artist Alaa Awad and making Egyptian food.

RE: This term, we will be learning about Islam and key beliefs and practices of Muslims.

PSHE: This will be taught by class teachers in the second half of the summer term and will focus on Sex and Relationship Education, learning about correct names for body parts, differences between males and females, valuing your own body, personal hygiene and understanding how to minimise the spread of illnesses and diseases.

Theme overviews

For the first two weeks, we will complete our study of the **Anglo-Saxons** up until the time of the Norman Invasion and the Battle of Hastings in 1066, culminating with our visit to West Stow on April 27th.

We then move onto our study of **Ancient Egypt**, studying areas as outlined in the 'History' section of the topic web, including a comparison with other ancient civilisations we have studied and learning about the River Nile.

For the week in which the whole school celebrates the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**, Year 4 has been allocated a study of the UK in the **1970s**. We will learn about key events of the decade, including decimalisation, and we will learn to sing an **ABBA** song for performance at a special celebration.

English: In English this term, we will begin by studying the wordless picture book, **Journey** by Aaron Becker, writing text to accompany this award-winning book. We move on to the non-fiction text **You wouldn't want to be an Egyptian** by David Stewart, writing instructions for mummification. After half term, we learn about Egyptian myths, with a study of **The Egyptian Cinderella** by Shirley Climo. Next, we write a playscript based on the fantastical picture book **Leon and the Place Between** by Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith. Finally, we study the poem **The River** by Valerie Bloom, writing our own poems on this theme.

Music: the children will continue to learn notes on the recorder, developing their ability to recognise the pitch and length of different notes. We will sing and perform a range of songs based on the Ancient Egyptians.

Mathematics: This term, we will focus on decimals, money, time, statistics and geometry. The children will learn about tenths and hundreds, and will be able to write, compare and order decimals. They will use the four operations when using money, and will be able to tell the time, converting analogue to digital. In statistics, the children will learn how to interpret charts and use line graphs. In geometry, we will learn about lines of symmetry and using grids to describe positions. All Y4 children will complete the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) from 6th June until summer half term. We will continue to practice instant recall of tables in school, but practice at home is also very important.

Science: In science, we will learn about how sound is caused by vibrations, how sound waves travel and what happens when pitch changes. We will also learn about the digestive system, food chains, balanced diets and human and other animal's teeth.