


Topic & English

Throughout the first half of the term our topic 'Walk like an Egyptian' will enable children to focus on an ancient civilisation. This will be followed by our Geography topic 'Born and Bread'. Both topics will be closely linked with English with exciting opportunities for reading and writing. Children will also have discrete lessons for learning grammar, punctuation and spelling.

In Autumn 1, children will be undertaking a book study of the David McKee Mr Benn stories. They will write their own adventure stories where Mr Benn travels back in time to the Egyptian era to save the day. They will also be writing news reports from the discovery of Tutankhamun.

In Autumn 2, children will be advising Paddington Bear on all the best places to visit in the UK. They will write letters from him to his Aunt Lucy back in Darkest Peru. They will also be developing and writing their own recipes on how to make the best bread to make marmalade sandwiches.

Science

 Our science this half term is all about electricity. Children will be learning about and building electrical circuits. They will begin to understand what electricity is and where it comes from. They will also further their understanding of how to keep safe with electricity. After half term, we will be exploring states of matter. Children will identify how changes occur between liquids, solids and gases and learn about the water cycle.

PSHE

We will be using the Heartsmart resources to explore the High Five Heartsmart principles. Children will have time to reflect on the importance of loving themselves and others through the underlying principle of what we put into our hearts will affect what we put our hearts into.

Maths

We will be covering the full range of mathematical skills across the term including number facts, calculation, geometry, decimals & fractions, measures and statistics. Our focus will be on securing the children's understanding of place value and using a range of apparatus to explain their reasoning.

Times Tables

*Pupils should be taught to recall multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12
(The National Curriculum)*

Please support your child to recall their times tables, working towards the St Mark's challenges. Look out for our relaunch of 'Times Table Rockstars' which will reflect this year's classes.

PE

In games, the children will be exploring throwing, catching and dodging as skills for netball. After half term, the games session focus will be skills for hockey.

In dance, children will be learning how to 'Walk Like an Egyptian' and taking inspiration to create their own dance routines.

In gym, we will be using mats to create sequences involving balancing, rolling and jumping.

Music

In music, children will be learning about different phrases in a song, gaining an understanding of pitch and melody and also be singing a variety of songs. They will be listening to music from around the UK and will have the opportunity to perform with a variety of percussion instruments.

French

In French this term, children will develop their knowledge of numbers in French. They will also be learning the days of the week and they will work in pairs to have conversations.

French lessons will be very practical, involving lots of games and partner work.

Art and D&T

In art, we will be manipulating clay to make special Canopic jars just like the Ancient Egyptians did.



In DT, we will be designing and making our own bread. We will develop and write a recipe for it.

Computing

In Autumn 1, the children will be learning how to store files and create folders. They will be reminded of key esafety principles and sign the St Mark's computing charter. During Autumn 2, the focus will be on using different technology to research efficiently. Children will be encouraged to read information objectively and to consider its validity.

And finally...

Please ensure your child brings with them to school every day:

- ✓ Green Reading Log
- ✓ Reading book
- ✓ Water bottle

We kindly ask that your child brings a school book bag or book bag sized bag with them to school; we simply do not have the storage space for larger bags.

Please help your child with their learning by encouraging them to practise their times tables, spellings and reading at home.

Year 4 Newsletter Autumn 2018

St. Mark's C E Primary School, Basingstoke



Welcome to a new school year from the Year 4 team: Mrs Tunnicliffe, Mrs Happy and Miss Hardy. We hope that your child is happy and has settled in well to Year 4. Please feel free to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

Our Autumn 1 topic is 'Walk Like an Egyptian' where we will be learning all about the intriguing ancient civilisation. In Autumn 2, our topic will be 'Born and Bread' in which we will be finding out about UK Geography with an element of cooking too!

PE lessons will be on Mondays (Tuesdays for 4SH) and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school every day.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday in a yellow book. It should be returned to school by the following Wednesday.

RE

In RE this half term, we will be looking at the concept of the 'People of God' and considering what it is like to follow God. We will be thinking about the promises God made and why these promises are important to Christians. In Autumn 2 we will be looking at the concept of 'The Trinity'; God as three in one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will consider the importance of the Trinity to Christians and explore how this enriches their faith.