

# Stewart Fleming Primary School The Pioneer Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you had a wonderful and restful summer holiday. Our topic this half term is *'Temples, Tombs and Treasures'*. Over the course of the next few weeks the children will be exploring what life was like during Ancient Egyptian times. They will be looking at the life of Tutankhamun, learning about the lives of Ancient Egyptians and investigating artefacts and hieroglyphics.

## In English, we'll be finding out:

- How to punctuate sentences using a range of punctuation.
- How to edit and improve our work.
- How to structure sentences.
- How to structure poems which explore form.
- How to write persuasive adverts.

#### In Maths, we will be:

- Looking at Place Value.
- Practicing our Times Tables.
- Comparing numbers of different value.
- Learning how to use Place Value Charts effectively.

#### In History, we'll be:

- Presenting historical information to others.
- Learning about Ancient Egypt.
- Comparing the similarities and differences between their lives and ours.
- Looking at hieroglyphics.
- Learning about Egyptian gods and goddesses.

## In Science, we will be:

- Understanding how sound is made.
- Learning how we measure sound.
- Learning about light waves.
- Learning about soundwaves.
- Planning experiments to test our hypothesis.

## In PSHE, we will be:

- Studying Growth Mindset.
- Learning how what we put into our bodies affects our learning.
- Understanding how to manage negative situations.
- Learning how our emotions affect our learning.

## In Art, we'll be:

- Creating tomb paintings.
- Designing and creating Egyptian headdresses.
- Researching different Egyptian artistic styles.

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#### In RE, we'll be finding out:

- About the key traditions upheld by Christians.
- About key parables and how they teach Christians about God.
- How Christians celebrate Christmas.

#### In PE, we'll be finding out:

- How to jump and land from a height.
- How to control our landing when jumping.
- How to link a sequence of movements together.
- How to follow a routine.

#### In Computing, we'll be:

- Learning how to use sequence, selection and repetition in programmes.
- Learning how to record samples and export files.
- Understanding how to create a simple composition using GarageBand.

#### In Music, we'll be:

- Identifying different types of instruments by their unique Timbre.
- Exploring and developing our own vocal timbres.
- Using instruments to compose an ostinato to accompany our vocal timbres.

#### Egyptian Day

During this topic, we will be having an 'Egyptian Day'. On this day, the children will need to come into school wearing an Egyptian costume. More details will follow nearer the time.

## Spellings/Homework/Home Reading

The children will take part in their times tables test every week on **Monday**. It is vital that children are practising their times tables every week. In year 4, the children will take part in the Multiplication Tables Check to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Spending 15 minutes a day in Times Tables Rockstars is an excellent way to practice for this test.

A new homework menu will be set at the beginning of each term and we ask that homework books are brought in and handed into the class teacher each **Wednesday** so that we can see which pieces of homework have been completed. They will be returned and sent home on Friday. In Year 4 Spellings are set every Friday which will need to be returned by Wednesday. Please ensure reading records are in school every day and ensure to support your child with their reading by reading with them at least three times a week.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses. By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom and we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments about the work your child has done, please get in touch.

Mr Fox

Kind regards,

Mrs Flint-Virtue

Miss Yaqub

Miss Tappenden

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