



**Suffolks Primary School**  
**Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Year 4**  
**Summer 2024**

**Science**

This term we will be looking at living things and animals including humans.

**Living things and their habitats**

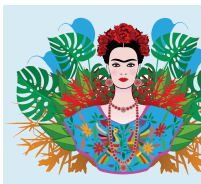
- Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.
- Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.
- Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

**Animals including humans**

- To describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.
- To identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.
- To construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

**Art**

This term we will be learning all about Frida Kahlo and her style of printing as well as comparing how Mexican art differs from English art.



**History**

In Year 3, the children learned about the Stone Age. Now we are in Year 4, the children will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

They will start off by finding out who Howard Carter is and why he was so significant in regard to Ancient Egypt.

Then the children will find out about where and how the Ancient Egyptians lived and the main Gods and Goddesses they believed in. Finally the children will find out who Tutankamun was.

It should be a very exciting term!



**This term's trip.**

This term's trip will be to the British Museum to support our learning on the Ancient Egyptians.. A Letter will be sent out later this term with more information.

**English**

In English, we will be continuing with our writing approach 'The Write Stuff'. Our Literacy units this term will include a poetry unit on The River, a narrative based on 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' and a non fiction diary entry based on 'A Young Slave and Secrets of a Sun King' which links in with our history unit on 'Ancient Egyptians'.



**Reading**

We will be working on our fluency and the different elements of skilled reading with a variety of text types as well as developing our responses to comprehension questions.

We will be practising specific skills such as: summarising; understanding vocabulary; viewpoints; the author's intent; inference and more, in greater detail.

**Maths**

In the summer term, we will be learning the following mathematical concepts:

**Decimals:** Recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths; Find the effect of dividing a one or two digit number by 10 or 100, identifying the value of the digits in the answer as ones, tenths and hundredths.

Recognise and write decimal equivalents to  $1/4$ ,  $1/2$ ,  $3/4$ ; Recognise and write decimal equivalents to  $1/4$ ,  $1/2$ ,  $3/4$ .

Round decimals with one decimal place to the nearest whole number.

**Geometry:** identify, draw and measure a range of angles such as right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles; identify and name different triangles and quadrilaterals. The children will learn how to find vertical and horizontal lines of symmetry and create simple symmetrical figures.

**Measurement:** The children will learn how to convert pennies into pounds and pence; round money to the nearest pound; add multiple amounts of money to find a total; apply addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills to everyday money problems. Additionally the children will measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres. Convert between different units of measure [for example, kilometre to metre] Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares.



We also have the **Year 4 Multiplication Test in June** so please keep practising your times tables.

### PSHE

#### **Relationships:**

In RSHE this term we will be looking at how friendships change, how to make new friends and how to manage when friendships fall out.



#### **Changing Me:**

Next half term we will be covering the topics of how our bodies change and develop as we grow. We will also be looking at future life changes such as moving to a new class!

### Music

In Summer 1 the children will learn a couple of songs including He's got the Whole World in his Hands. They will practise listening and understand different pieces of music including Summertime by Gerswin. They will understand how to appraise music using the musical terms of pulse, rhythm, pitch and tempo. They will then learn how to use the Glockenspiel to accompany songs and improvise to.



In Summer 2, the children will continue these skills with songs such as Michael Row the Boat Ashore and focus a little more on performing.

### Class news

Our **PE days** this term are Thursday and Friday



Please remember that children should come to school in the correct PE kit and with warmer weather, be sent in with a water bottle.

Please send your child in with a water bottle and a piece of fruit every day.

### Homework

- 5 minutes **Timestable Rockstar** Practice each night - this will help with their upcoming test.
- 15 minutes reading each night
- **Accelerated Reader** quiz
- Weekly **spelling** on google classroom
- Weekly maths or reading homework. Reading homework will be set on **Google Classroom** and we will use **MyMaths** for the majority of the maths homework so please ensure you are signed in to all of these. If not, please come and speak to us and we will do all we can to help.



### Useful sites

#### Accelerated reader

<https://ukhosted1.renlearn.co.uk/1894748/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=s>

#### TT Rockstars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

#### MyMaths

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>