Maths

We will begin the half term by developing our formal methods for x and ÷ operations. This will include using the 'bus stop' method to solve division problems with remainders. We will use these skills to solve a range of problems in real life contexts.

We will then begin to learn more about fractions.

Year 5 will also continue to work extremely hard in mental maths groups, Times Tables Rock stars and arithmetic quizzes!

Science

'Forces' is our topic this half term. As usual, we will carry out lots of exciting practical investigations! We will investigate the principles of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and balanced forces.

We will continue to develop our scientific enquiry skills by thinking about factors we need to change or keep the same in our investigations, to ensure we test fairly.

Humanities

We will learn about Ancient Egypt! Children will begin by learning about chronology in BC times. They will research Gods, understand the importance of pharaohs, including the famous 'boy pharaoh' and become expert embalmers!

Year 5 will also discover lots of facts about the River Nile and its impact on surrounding land. We will celebrate our learning with an exciting Egyptian day!

P.E.

This half term PE will be on Thursdays and Mondays.

On a Thursday, children will continue to develop their gymnastics skills with Beth, our specialist teacher.

On Mondays, we will focus on fitness and building up our stamina through a range of circuit training activities which will exercise the core, cardio, leg and arm muscles. Please note that children need a full PE kit in order to participate in PE.

Literacy

Year 5 will begin by studying a range of fascinating Ancient Egyptian myths. Children will have opportunities to learn about these myths in a variety of forms, and then write and share their own mythical narratives.

Children will also become researchers and journalists to write their own newspaper reports about famous Egyptian discoveries.

Children will learn about parenthesis while continuing to secure their spelling knowledge.

Please support your child by listening to them read at home regularly and practise spelling rules and weekly spellings.

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Religion

Our topic this half term is 'Inspirational People'.

We have begun our topic by talking about people in our own lives who we find inspirational. We will look at people in the Bible who have been inspired by God and also who inspire us. We will also look at people in the modern day who are inspirational and we will think about how we can learn from these people and apply what they have done to our own lives.

Art & Design

We will begin this half term's sessions with an exciting Egyptian themed art morning with Mr Bullock, our specialist art teacher.

We will paint pieces of abstract art and develop our skills in 3D modelling. We will take inspiration from Ancient Egypt and a range of artefacts for our masterpieces.

Music

Children will continue their weekly singing sessions on Mondays with Mr Kyle, our specialist music teacher. We will be learning more new songs as well as continuing exercises to develop our voices.

In addition, we will be composing our own musical pieces to accompany Egyptian mythical stories.

French

We will be learning about seasons and weather in French as well as listening to a range on French music. We will use a range of actions as well as images to help us learn new words and phrases.

We will be celebrating our learning of French with a French day later this term.

Computing

Year 5 will participate in a computing workshop and build on last half term's programming! skills.

We will also work in pairs and use Scratch software to design, code and create our very own games! This is a huge challenge so we will begin by decomposing simple games to help us understand the variables and conditions we will need to consider in our own games.

We hope children enjoy their learning experiences this half term! Thank you for your continued support.   Ms Basra   Mr Fairclough   Miss Kavanagh