

Year 3/4 Half Term Curriculum Overview Spring 2



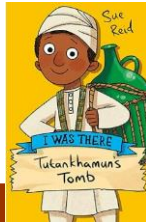
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English

The children will read **Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx**. They will write a character description, create an instructional text on how to escape the sphinx and a playscript.



During our weekly **guided reading** lessons, the children will read a short passage taken from various non-fiction and fiction texts and focus on improving their comprehension skills. As a class, we will be reading **Tutankhamun's Tomb** by Sue Reid.



Physical Education

Children should come to school in their P.E. kit on the following days:

Verde and Amarillo Class- every **Monday**.

Rosa Class -every **Tuesday**.

They should wear black bottoms, a red top and a black jacket. Please can children avoid wearing football tops.

History

This term we will be looking at Ancient Egypt in History. We will look at the role of Pharaohs in Ancient Egypt, the lives of rich and poor people and the way they learned in school.

Computing (programming)

The children will use the programming language, Scratch to create an animation about how a plant grows. They will also use our new Micro:bit computers to study sound.

Science and Religious Education

During our **science** lessons, we will be learning about sound. The children will identify how sounds are made, to recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear and find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it. They will use data loggers to create a line graph and analyse their results. Then, children will learn about plants.

In our **religious education** lessons, the children will be looking at rituals and beliefs around births, marriages and deaths, including beliefs of the afterlife and humanist celebrations.

Mathematics

We will cover the following objectives in our maths lessons:

- Learn about unit and non-unit fractions.
- Compare equivalent fractions and use this knowledge to write fractions in their simplest form.
- Learn to represent improper fractions as mixed numbers.
- Compare numbers with the same number of decimal places.
- Add and subtract amounts of money to give change.

PSHE (RSE) and D&T

In our **PSHE lessons**, our topic is Be Safe. The children will explore how to stay safe in their local environment, whether that's near roads, rail or water. They will learn about keeping safe around medicines and illegal substances and what to do in an emergency.

In our **D & T** lessons, the children will be sewing a simple purse or pencil case using Binka.

Weekly Homework (due every Thursday)

Homework will be assigned every Friday.

- **Maths Shed:** Every week, children will complete a times table test in the classroom. On Maths Shed, they will be assigned the times table they are focusing on for their weekly test. They should complete **5 games**. <https://www.mathshed.com/en-gb/>
- **Spellings:** Children will complete a weekly spelling test. The spellings will be assigned every Friday and they should complete **5 games**. <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>
- **Reading:** Every child has a reading diary. Please can these be signed and returned to the class teacher. Each child should aim to read at least 4 times a week.

Important dates

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check week commencing 10th June

Multiplication tables check

Children will have 25 times table questions and 6 seconds to answer each one.

Every child in Year 4, will be assigned the Multiplication Tables Check simulator on Maths Shed.

Year 3/4 performance

The morning performance will take place at **09:45 on Tuesday 26th March.**

The afternoon performance will take place at **14:00 on Tuesday 26th March.**

The evening performance will take place at **17:30-18:30 on Wednesday 27th March.**

Swimming Lessons at Hucknall Leisure Centre

- **Verde** will swim every **Thursday** from **29/02/2024- 18/04/2024**
- **Rosa** will swim every **Thursday** from **25/04/2024 – 6/06/2024**
- **Amarillo** will swim every **Thursday** from **13/06/2024-18/07/2024**

Any support is greatly appreciated.

- In Year 3/4, we reward children who have read **4x each week for a whole half term** with a small treat. This is to try to encourage them with their home reading and to give them a boost and a big well done from us! This year's rewards are currently planned as follows:

Autumn 1	Extra playtime
Autumn 2	Christmas themed arts and crafts
Spring 1	Extra playtime and sports equipment
Spring 2	Easter baking
Summer 1	Board games
Summer 2	Ice lollies and music