



Harrier Class Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a lovely Easter break and are ready for another term in which we will create memorable and engaging ways for your children to learn lots of new information.

As always, we are really looking forward to working with you during this summer term, to ensure that we really support your child's development.

Miss Newton and Mr Smart

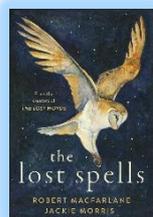
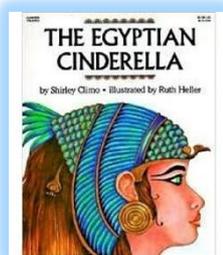
Enquiry

This term, we will be learning all about Ancient Egypt, where we will ask the children to consider 'What secrets does a pyramid hold?' Our focus will be on learning about Ancient Egypt through art and stories. Our outcome will allow children to express their own creativity by creating their very own 3D pyramid which will hold a piece of Ancient Egyptian inspired art inside.

English

This term we will be starting our novel study with 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo. The children will write play scripts, persuasive adverts and a narrative for this novel.

Our second novel focus will be 'The Lost Spells' by Robert Macfarlane, which will see the children write their very own piece of poetry.



Reading

During whole class guided reading, we will be focusing on a range of different skills, across a range of different books. These will include making predictions, defining unfamiliar vocabulary and using authors words to paint an image.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reading with each individual child and checking to see if they are ready to move onto the next book band.

At home, please read with your child each day for 10 minutes to support their learning in school. The children will gain Dojo points for reading each week and their reading planners will be checked every Monday – reading a minimum of 3 times per week will help your child with their comprehension and fluency.

Spellings

Each Friday, your child will receive homework for spellings. Alongside this, they will also receive a piece of maths and piece of spelling and grammar from the CGP books given out at the start of the year.

Spellings should be practised over the week and returned to school on a Thursday along with their other homework. Please can homework books be returned on a Friday, so that it can be checked and new homework given.

Week		Spelling Rule
1	w/c 15 th April	Statutory spellings
1	w/c 22 nd April	Adding the prefix 'inter'
2	w/c 29 th April	Adding the prefix 'anti'
3	w/c 6 th May	Adding the prefix 'auto'
4	w/c 13 th May	Adding the prefix 'ex'
5	w/c 20 th May	Adding the prefix 'non'
6	w/c 3 rd June	Words ending -ar/-er
7-10	w/c 10 th June	Adding the suffix -ous
11	w/c 8 th July	Adverbials of frequency and possibility
12	w/c 16 th July	Adverbials of manner
13	w/c 22 nd July	Review of Spellings

Maths

This term we will be focusing on fractions in our maths lessons.

We will still be continuing to practise multiplication facts to get children ready for their multiplication check in Summer 2.

Harrier Class will be learning to:

Unit and non-unit fractions	Subtract fractions
What is a fraction?	Subtract 2 fractions
Tenths	Subtract from whole amounts
Count in tenths	Fractions of a set of objects (1)
Equivalent fractions (1)	Fractions of a set of objects (2)
Equivalent fractions (2)	Calculate fractions of a quantity
Equivalent fractions (1)	Problem solving - calculate quantities
Equivalent fractions (2)	
Fractions greater than 1	
Count in fractions	
Add fractions	
Add 2 or more fractions	

It is important that children continue to practise their times tables at home, as this will help them to recall the facts up to 12x fluently. This knowledge will support them in their end of year checks, along with providing a solid foundation for further maths learning to be built.

Science

In Summer 1, we will be learning all about food and how it is digested by the body to make energy, build cells and repair the body. Alongside this, we will consider the part that teeth have to play in helping us to digest food and consider how we can look after our teeth. Furthermore, we will look at the importance of vitamins and minerals to our health and consider where we sit on the food chain.

RE

As part of our Religious Education, this term, we will be focusing on Islam, Hinduism and Christian views. The children will learn about the different religious beliefs, whilst also understanding what non-religious views are:

Summer 1: How do people express their religious and spiritual ideas on pilgrimages?

Summer 2: How do Hindus show their faith?

Music

Each Thursday morning, we will have Inspire coming to teach the children how to play the ukulele. Inspire will deliver the National Curriculum objectives for music through these lessons and the children will learn a variety of musical knowledge from pitch, tone, beat and so on.

IT

This term we will be looking at programming, this will include learning about repetition and loops within programming. Children will also become familiar with the specific coding vocabulary.

PSHE

We will be using the scheme SCARF for PSHE this year. Our Summer topics will be 'Being my Best' and 'Growing and Changing.'

Summer 1: What makes me ME!, Making choices, SCARF hotel, Harold's Seven Rs, My school community and Basic First Aid.

Summer 2: Moving house, My feelings are all over the place, All change!, Preparing for changes at puberty, Secret or Surprise?, Together.

PE

We will have Mr Ellis, our sports specialist teacher, in on a Thursday to teach PE, year 4 will focus on:

Summer 1: Competitive Games and Evaluate

Summer 2: Competitive Games and Evaluate

General Classroom Notices

PE

Year 4 will continue to have PE on a Thursday morning (9am – 10am). As with last term, can children arrive to school in their PE kits and bring their uniform to change into.

Water bottles

As the weather starts to get warmer, please make sure that children have a suitable water bottle that they bring to school with them every day. This is really important, as it ensures that children remain hydrated and are ready to learn. This should be water rather than juice.

Changes in classroom

On a Thursday and Friday, we will have the support of Mrs Shaw, who is teacher from another school within in the trust. Mrs Shaw will be gaining experience at our school and in return, Mr Smart will be spending these days at the partner school. It is a fantastic opportunity for both to gain extra experience.

Multiplication Check

This term, children will have their Multiplication check. They will have 6 seconds to recall times table facts up to x12. Please help your child to practice at home.

Miss Newton, Mr Smart and Mrs Shaw