

Hiltingbury Junior School – Year 4 Medium Term Planning Overview – Summer 1 2022

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
English	After first unpicking and exploring the text Marcy & the Riddle of the Sphinx by Todd Stanton the children will continue to practise the skills of using fronted adverbials before writing their own fictional journey using descriptive language.			Linked to our Ancient Egyptian unit, the children will initially investigate the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in history before writing a diary describing the memorable treasures and circumstances around this historical event.		
Grammar & punctuation focus	We will continue to embed fronted adverbials with commas and complex sentences. The use of prepositions will be revisited together with further activities linked to the consistency in the use of tenses - focusing on the past tense. The children will revisit punctuating speech and the possessive apostrophe.					
Whole class reading	We will conclude this unit on Whale Boy by Nicola Davies by dipping into some non-fiction extracts on whales before finishing the text with a summary and more inference work.		This is a new unit on the non-fiction text 'So you think you've got it bad?' by Strathie and Morea which is a British Museum text on the Ancient Egyptians. Activities will focus on developing the children's comprehension skills on non fiction texts and revising summarising and inference.			
Maths	We will finish our fractions unit by learning how mixed numbers can be expressed as improper fractions. We will then investigate the addition and subtraction of mixed numbers and improper fractions		Our next unit will focus on introducing decimal tenths and hundredths to extend the children's understanding of place value.			
Science	We will recap our knowledge from Year 3 on the functions of teeth and then explore the processes involved with the digestive system.		Initially the children will have the opportunity to explore constructing circuits using bulbs, batteries and buzzers. Investigations will include what is a conductor and an insulator before creating their own switch for their circuit. This aspect will be linked to creating a security device for an Ancient Egyptian exhibit.			
History	We will conclude this unit by investigating the legacy of the Anglo Saxons and the changes from Paganism to Christianity. The children will further investigate whether Alfred was worthy of the title of being great?		The children begin our Ancient Egyptian unit with exploring chronology and what was happening across the world during this period. They will further explore the impact of the River Nile, daily life and the hierarchical structure of this civilisation. Activities will include making inferences using artefacts and mummification. Tutankhamun, tomb robbers and the Ancient Egyptians' beliefs in the afterlife will also feature in this unit.			
Geography						
Art	Will conclude this unit by creating our own dragon/mythical creature after practising skills of sketching their individual features.					
DT	We have a new DT unit on Egyptian cooking using Tabbouleh.			Linked to our electrical unit and the Ancient Egyptians, the children will create an alarm for a precious museum exhibit.		

Computing	This is an opportunity for the children to present all the knowledge they have gained on the Ancient Egyptians and create their own web page on a class website.
French	This term's French lessons focus on sport and food with a focus on the verb structures for il/elle joue and il/elle fait to describe which sports others do.
RE	This half term we will be exploring rituals with a particular focus on food rituals. We will investigate the use of food in the rituals of a range of different religions and the children will be able to share their own personal experiences.
PDL	Keeping Healthy & Safe outside school - we will begin with some practical first aid activities before exploring attitudes and facts concerning alcohol
Games	The children will continue to build on their skills in tennis, rounders and cricket. Some multiskills lessons Team games/Control, passing, defending and shooting - led by Personal Best Education
PE	The children will create a dance motive with the theme of holes/Badminton TBC
Music	Listen2me 4CO concert date TBC For our composer unit we will listen to a range of composers (Beethoven, Mozart, Bach) Recognising and using simple rhythms and a limited number of pitches. Duets using keyboards to compose own rhythm and record using notations

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