

PHEASEY PARK FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Curriculum Information

Year 4 Autumn Term 1 2023

Subject	What are we learning?	How you can help at home
<p>English</p>	<p>In English this half term, children are studying the text, Cheat by Judy Waite. They will be writing letters, descriptions and diary entries.</p> <p>Children will be consolidating their understanding and application of adjectives, verbs and noun phrases when writing descriptions. They will also be exploring fronted adverbials.</p> <p>Children will be planning in note form and developing their initial ideas, they will then draft their ideas from the plan into a structured written text and then revise their writing by making changes.</p> <p>Year 4 will also be learning how to punctuate speech sentences accurately, including dialogue.</p> <p>Spelling Test will take place on a Tuesday.</p> <p>English homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.</p>	<p><u>Reading</u></p> <p>Please hear your child read at home at least three times a week. Ask questions which encourage your child to draw inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts, emotions and actions. Please help your child to read every night and record on the GoRead App.</p> <p>Bedtime reading advice available at www.theschoolrun.com</p> <p><u>Spelling</u></p> <p>Please help your child practise their spellings several times a week. Regular practise at home makes such a difference.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u></p> <p>Please encourage your child to explore Oxford Reading Buddy, Purple Mash and Education City throughout the week too.</p>
<p>Phonics</p>	<p>For those children still having Phonics sessions, we will be focussing on phonemes.</p> <p>Children will be segmenting and blending sounds and encouraged to spell them correctly.</p>	<p>Please hear your child read at home at least three times a week.</p> <p>Encourage children to segment and blend sounds when reading and practise spelling the words they are given on a weekly basis.</p>



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Maths	<p>In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on number and place value. Children will be rounding and looking at sequences of numbers, identifying the value of different digits in numbers over 1,000 and using this to compare and order numbers. They will also study the Roman Numeral system.</p> <p>Children will also be developing their mental and formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.</p> <p>Children will have timetable tests/activities three times a week in lessons.</p> <p>Maths homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.</p>	<p>It would be helpful if you can support your child in recalling the multiplication tables at home and counting in patterns of 4, 6, 7 and 8. TTRockstars can be used to help your child practise their timetables recall. Times Tables Rock Stars - Times Tables Rock Stars (ttrockstars.com)</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Your child can explore MyMaths, TopMarks and Supermovers on the link below: https://www.mymaths.co.uk/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4</p>
Science	<p>Our Science focus this term are the states of matter. Children will be learning about how materials can change state when heated or cooled.</p> <p>They will then be moving on to the water cycle. They will be reporting findings from their own enquiries and learning about evaporation.</p> <p>Children will be carrying out investigations and observing the results over time.</p>	<p>You can carry out your own evaporation experiment! Put about 2 teaspoons of water each in two different dishes. Place one dish in the sunlight or directly under a light source and put the other dish in the shade. Ask your child to check the dishes every 4 hours and make observations about how quickly the water evaporates from each one.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Check out this BBC Learning website all about the states of matter: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkqg87h/articles/zsgwwxs Check out this BBC Learning website all about the water cycle: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkqg87h/articles/z3wpp39</p>
History	<p>The children's topic this term is called Pharaohs. In History, children will be learning about Tutankhamun's tomb, the pharaohs, and ancient Egyptian Gods. They will be comparing the lives of the people that lived in ancient Egypt.</p>	<p>Explore ancient Egyptian civilisation through books and the Internet.</p> <p><u>Online learning:</u> Find out more about ancient Egypt: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb</p>
Geography	<p>As part of their topic, Pharaohs, children will locate Egypt on a world map. Use online maps and other information sources to</p>	<p>Find out facts about Egypt: https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/egypt</p>



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	describe Egypt's landscape, surrounding countries and seas, climate, and significant geographical features, such as the River Nile. Children will learn why the River Nile was so important to the development of ancient Egyptian society and its wealth.	
Art & Design	<p>Our Science focus this term are the states of matter. Children will be learning about how materials can change state when heated or cooled.</p> <p>They will then be moving on to the water cycle. They will be reporting findings from their own enquiries and learning about evaporation.</p> <p>Children will be carrying out investigations and observing the results over time.</p>	<p>You can carry out your own evaporation experiment! Put about 2 teaspoons of water each in two different dishes. Place one dish in the sunlight or directly under a light source and put the other dish in the shade. Ask your child to check the dishes every 4 hours and make observations about how quickly the water evaporates from each one.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Check out this BBC Learning website all about the states of matter: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkqg87h/articles/zsgwwxs Check out this BBC Learning website all about the water cycle: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkqg87h/articles/z3wpp39</p>
Design and Technology	Children's Design and Technology topic is called Tomb Builders. They will learn about simple machines, including wheels, axles, inclined planes, pulleys and levers, exploring how they helped ancient builders to lift and move heavy loads.	<p>Find out more about tombs in ancient Egypt: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-social-studies-ks2-tombs-in-ancient-egypt/zh276v4</p>
Computing	Children will be exploring Scratch and learn how to insert and change scripts, change backgrounds and add an animation. In school children will be shown how to use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content on the internet.	<p>Please ensure your child is only accessing age-appropriate content online.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> Coding activities to complete at home: https://turtleacademy.com//lessonss</p>
PE	<p>In PE children will be practising their catching and throwing skills using a range of different balls.</p> <p>In Outdoor Games, children will be learning the rules for Tennis and learning how to use the racquet.</p> <p>Outdoor PE day - Thursday (weather permitting)</p>	<p>You can support your child by practising hand-eye-coordination for example, rolling a ball against a wall, and throwing/catching.</p> <p>Please make sure your child has full P.E kit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewellery is not allowed. • Long hair should be tied back.



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	Indoor PE day - Tuesday	For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.
Swimming	<p>First week back to swimming safety procedures and pool rules will be covered. Children will also have a short assessment to allow teachers to place them into a lane relevant to ability. Strokes will continue to be developed and improved, as will water skills which include floating and an introduction to feet first sculling.</p> <p>Swimming day - Monday</p>	<p>Please remember all children will need to bring a bag with their swimming costume/trunk, swimming hat and towel. Please make sure these are named.</p> <p>For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.</p>
RE	<p>In RE, we will be studying Islam. Children will look at the five pillars of Islam in the lessons this half term. The five pillars of Islam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shahadah: sincerely reciting the Muslim profession of faith. • Salat: performing ritual prayers in the proper way five times each day. • Zakat: paying an alms (or charity) tax to benefit the poor and the needy. • Sawm: fasting during the month of Ramadan. • Hajj: pilgrimage to Mecca. 	<p>Ask your child what they have learnt about the five pillars of Islam. It is important that children are taught about tolerance and respect the beliefs of others.</p> <p><u>Online learning</u> https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/practices/fivepillars.shtml#:~:text=The%20Five%20Pillars%20consist%20of%3A%201%20Shahadah%3A%20sincerely,of%20Ramadan.%205%20Hajj%3A%20pilgrimage%20to%20Mecca.%20</p>
PSHE	<p>This half term, children will be studying the topic 'New Beginnings'.</p> <p>They will be learning about the emotions they may feel when going through changes in their life. Children will be creating a class guidebook to share with new pupils in the year group.</p>	<p>Discuss with your child any worries or concerns that they may have about starting a new year at school.</p> <p>Encourage your child to show respect and resilience at home. Talk to them about the discussions they have had in class assemblies.</p>
Music	<p>Through a range of pieces, children will learn to play ever increasingly complex rhythms on the djembe drum. They will focus on accurate posture, accurate rhythms and moving between high and low sounds smoothly and accurately.</p>	<p>Find a range of different music that have the djembe drums.</p>



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	Children have Steel Pans lessons on a Wednesday.	
German	This half term children will practise Numbers above 20 and learn phrases on how to say the time in German. Children will practise asking and answering questions with a partner on the topic of time.	Ask your child to repeat some of the phrases they have learnt in their German lessons and ask them what it means. Please visit Linguascope to learn how to say different words in German: https://www.linguascope.com/preview/
Visits and Visitors	Animal Man - 20.9.23 Steel Pans every Wednesday	Please encourage your child to share the experiences at school with you at home and research the animals they have seen.
Curriculum Days	Our curriculum day will focus on Design and Technology activities. Curriculum Day is on 26.10.23	Support with providing resources from home that we could use such as cardboard. Further information will be shared with parents/carers.