



# Year 4 Spring Term 2020



## Literacy

In the spring term, we are going to read *Aquila* by Andrew Norris. The story is about two boys who discover a space ship whilst on a school trip. The story follows the boy's adventures as they learn to fly the ship.

The children will use ideas from the book to support literacy skills in reading, writing and grammar.

## Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is the Ancient Egyptians. We will be learning about:

- ✓ when the Ancient Egyptian period was on a time line
- ✓ the life of the Ancient Egyptian people
- ✓ why the River Nile was so important
- ✓ the Gods and Goddesses they worshiped
- ✓ the famous discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

## Maths

We begin the spring term by revising multiplication and division methods ensuring all children are confident with the times tables facts for the 6 and 7 times tables. We will then visit calculating area before moving onto fractions and decimals. When learning fractions, the children will learn how to recognise and show them using diagrams and families of common equivalent fractions, count up and down in hundredths, recognise that hundredths arise when dividing an object by one hundred and dividing tenths by ten.

## Science

Our science topic this term will be electricity. We will

- ✓ Identify common appliances that run on electricity.
- ✓ Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.
- ✓ Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit.
- ✓ Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

## Computing

In computing, we will learn how to use digital data handler. We will also continue with our e-safety lessons, learning about how to keep ourselves safe online

## PE

During indoor PE lessons, the children will learn how to play tag rugby with the Soccer 2000 coaches and participate in cricket lessons with Staffordshire Cricket. *Please can you ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school every Tuesday and Thursday.*



## RE and PHSE

In RE we will ask why do some people think Jesus is inspirational? In PHSE we will look at links to the wider world and discuss the roles within our society.

## Dates for your diary

6.01.2020 Children return to school  
7.01.2020 Egyptian workshop  
27.01.2020 Year 4 family morning