



Life Skills

The children will be developing problem-solving and team work skills through links with our numeracy work and completing team building exercises in house teams throughout the term.

History

In History, we will be studying Ancient Egypt. We will begin looking at Egypt's place in the world and the importance of the River Nile. We will research why the pyramids were built and will evaluate Egyptian artefacts. We will find out about Egyptian pharaohs and how Egyptian legacies affect our lives today.



Music

In year 4, children will learn how to play the Ukulele with our music teacher Mr James. The Year 5 children will be learning to play brass instruments.

R.E

Year 4/5 will begin with the children studying Judaism. The children will be learning about the different traditions and beliefs Jewish people have. Nearer Christmas, we will focus on the way Advent is celebrated in the UK and around the world.

Art

In art we will be studying the work of David Hockney and will be exploring colour using a variety of different mediums including paint, pastels and photo montage. We will also be creating Egyptian masks linked to our history topic.

Maths

The following topics will be concentrated on this term: place value, all four number strategies, shape and space, data handling and real-life problems. Please encourage your children to use their maths skills at home in real life situations as well as practising their times tables regularly. This will help them with the work we complete in school and support their understanding of new concepts.



'Together we achieve'

Annfield Plain Junior School



Year 4/5 Mrs Buckton
Autumn Term 2021

English

In English we will be studying a variety of different text types and stories this term. These will include: Stories in familiar settings, historical stories, explanation texts and instruction writing.

Alongside our English lessons, we will have additional reading sessions where we will be reading a class novel. Our first book is 'The Creakers' by Tom Fletcher.

We will be developing our speaking and listening skills through a weekly 'Philosophy for Children' session. Philosophy for Children (or P4C for short) offers a way to extend children's learning through enquiry and the exploration of ideas. Children learn that their ideas have value, and that the ideas of other children have value too.

The children will have 3 spelling lessons each week and will bring home a list of spellings which they are encouraged to learn. This will support their understanding of the activities they complete in lessons.

Reading remains a high priority in Year 4/5. Please sign your child's book every night after they have read for 10 minutes and hear your child read at least 5 times a week, daily if possible. Asking them to read out loud helps develop reading fluency and clarity and gives you chance to hear where mistakes are being made. We ask your child to bring their reading book and record into school every day so that they can be heard by staff in school. House points are awarded for each signature. Up to 7 house points a week can be earned by reading at home.

P.E

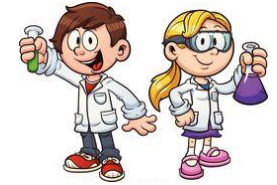
We will be learning how to play a variety of games with a focus on football and fundamental skills after half term. **PE is every Thursday and Friday.** Please ensure your child has their kit in school **every day.**

We ask that your child takes their PE kit home each day to allow us to have clear porches to help with cleaning.



Science

The topics we will be investigating this term will be 'Materials-States of Matter' and 'Teeth' this will also include work on keeping fit and the importance of this.



I.C.T.

This term we will be developing our skills at word processing and using PowerPoint to present information. This will involve touch typing, saving and storing documents, inserting and manipulating texts and images. Also, we develop an understanding of internet safety as part of our digital literacy work.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a **Wednesday** and the children will be asked to return by the following **Monday**. This allows your child to come and see me with any problems prior to the due date.

Your child will need to learn their times tables set each week, to help them progress confidently throughout Maths lessons. Any additional support developing your child's number skills would be great, as they will then be better prepared for the challenges of Year 4/5 Maths!

