



Livingstone Road Primary Federation

Together We Can
Learn Laugh Dream Grow

Livingstone Life! Year 4

Year 4

We can't believe we're entering the final half term of year 4! We'll be busy doing all sorts over the next few weeks but in particular we want to make sure that your children are ready for year 5!

PE Days

Please note your class's PE days for the new term.

Larch—Tuesday and Wednesday

Silver Birch—Tuesday and Wednesday

We'll be focusing on basketball and athletics



Writing

We have covered many genres of writing across the school year but this final half term allows us to concentrate on story telling. We'll be using our class read, *The Time Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess*, as a stimulus to tell a first person narrative and a time portal narrative! As the story is half set in ancient Egypt, we'll be able to use our knowledge gained from history lessons to help with setting descriptions. In our final independent write of the school year, children will be given the freedom to set their time portal stories wherever they like—we can't wait to see what they produce!



Reading

Our new class read is *The Time Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess*. It tells the story of Topher and his father who take in a stray cat, Ka. Topher becomes very attached to Ka and is puzzled by her mysterious absences. One day when he is playing a computer game with an Egyptian theme, Ka jumps on the keys and spells out the name Bubastis, which was the centre of cat worship in Ancient Egypt. Could Ka really be leading a double life and what is she trying to tell Topher? It ties in beautifully with our history topic—Ancient Egypt—which itself builds on our geography topic from the start of summer term. We'll have Ancient Egyptian experts by the end of the school year!





Art

In Art, we will be back to our Egyptian theme and making clay Canopic jars which had quite a gruesome role to play in Ancient Egypt and we will be revealing this to the children in this art unit!



History

We will add to our geographical and topographical knowledge when we study the Ancient Egyptian civilisation in History this half term. We'll even try mummifying something—any volunteers?!



Maths

Maths and Times Tables

The government assessment of times tables (MTC) will take place in the second week back. It's nothing to worry about—please reassure your children. We have been practising at school and all children have made remarkable progress. Bring it on!



Science

This half term, it's all about bridges, and we're so excited to launch our new unit with a trip to the beach! We will make observations of the four different bridge types found in Alum Chine and even have a go at constructing our own bridges out of sand!



Homework

Don't forget Homework can be accessed via Google Classrooms (if you have any problems accessing, please contact the school office). Spellings and a topic task will be uploaded weekly. You are welcome to bring in paper copies of tasks completed if you would prefer.

Disgusting Digestion

Year 4 children had a lot of fun last half term finding out about our digestive system.

They discovered the incredible journey food goes on through our bodies and we even got to make a rather 'disgusting' model with tights, bananas, cream crackers and vinegar. Ask your children what they thought!

