

Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy - Spring Term 2026

We are Year 4: Greta Thunberg



Welcome back

Welcome back to school! We hope you've had a fantastic winter break and are ready for an exciting new term. We really hope that you had a lovely break, everyone is well rested and ready to work hard this term. Please remember to wear their correct PE kit into school on PE days (Monday and Wednesday) and a gentle reminder that long hair should always be tied back and earrings removed on PE days. Also, please ensure that their reading record is in school daily. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff who would be more than happy to help.

What are we learning this term?

English

In English this term, pupils will be working on several writing tasks. We will start by writing persuasive letters and learning the difference between formal and informal language. Later in the term, they will produce instructions on the process of mummification. These activities connect closely with our history topic, making learning both engaging and meaningful.

Home reading

Your children should read every night to develop accuracy and fluency. An adult signature or comment every time they read, will gain them a star on their card in the back of the diary. When it is full, they will be rewarded for their effort with a prize from the Head teacher. Your child should bring in their Home School book every day.

Maths

As we work towards learning our times tables we encourage children to regularly practise using TT Rockstars and our weekly grid. Alongside this we will learn about angles and shapes with angles. Later in the term we use our times tables knowledge in more depth as we learn formal methods of written division.

RWV/ RSE

As theologians, we will begin the term in R&W by learning about how religious beliefs came about. In RSE, we will be discussing safety online and why it is important that we gain permission before sharing things online.

History

As historians, we will be studying The Ancient Egyptians. We will look at the work of archaeologists and how it helps us understand the past. We will learn about Egyptian society.

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - Ancient Egyptians

Geography - Egypt

Science - States of Matter

Computing- Creating Media - audio production

Art - Power Prints

D.T. - Making a castle from 3D shapes

R&W - Where do religious beliefs come from?

RSE- Our Relationships

Music- Writing Music Down

PE- Dance, Archery, football and tennis (TBA)

MFL-Numbers 16-30, Days of the week

Science

As scientists, we will learn about 'states of matter' and how and why changes occur between solids, liquids and gases. We will undertake some practical activities to illustrate this.

Geography

As geographers, we will explore our locational knowledge, looking specifically Egypt. We will learn about why the Nile is so important.

Art/ DT

Power prints - we start with still life drawing in our sketchbooks. We move on to create texture in drawing by using hatching. We further develop our drawing skills this term.

P.E.

As athletes, there will be a focus on a variety of PE skills this term. We will be learning how to improve our performance dance, tennis archery and football (tbc). P.E. days are **Monday** and **Wednesday** and some lessons will be taught by a specialist PE coach. Your child may come dressed in clean PE kit for these days. Earrings and other items of jewellery must be removed for PE and long hair should be tied back.

Computing

As technicians, we will be learning how to use technology to record sound to create a podcast.

Notes ...

In Year 4, homework will be set mostly online. There will be no homework books. Our homework focus this year is **consistently reading five times a week** at home as well as accessing:

TTRS - please aim for 5x per week www.ttrs.com (We do this in class too, but allowing time at home to play is vital for their progress)

Spelling - weekly worksheet sent home.

Logins are now in the Home School book.

Spelling test is usually on Friday

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day -filled only with water.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated! Mrs Dodd