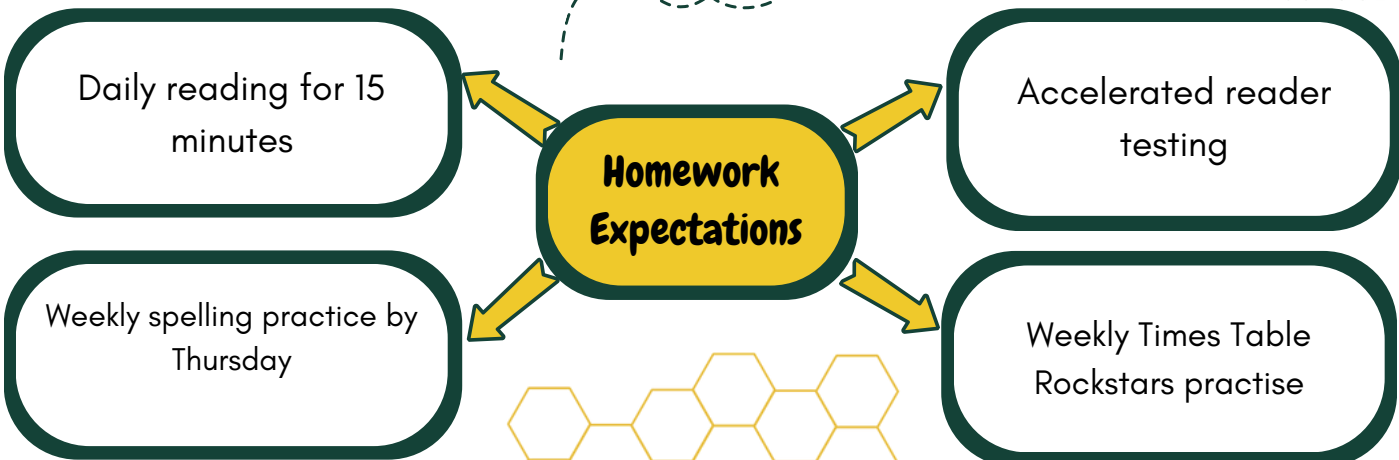


Year 4 Bassett Green Buzz Learning Curriculum Newsletter for Parents Autumn Term 2 2025



BASSETT GREEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Home learning project

This half term, children will be writing a non-chronological report about Ancient Egypt. To support with this we would like your support researching the following aspects:

- Kings and queens
 - Pyramids
 - Culture
 - Treasure
 - The beginning and end of the empire
- You can present your findings through posters, leaflets, presentations or models. The choice is yours!



Big Question:

Do the means always justify the ends?

Overarching cultural theme:
Fairness and justice

Key Dates for Year 4:

INSET Day - Monday 3rd November

Term begins - Tuesday 4th November

Parent Evening

Rabbits - Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November

Badgers - Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November

Swimming - Monday 24th November - Tuesday 9th December (pm only)

INSET - Friday 19th December

PE Days
PE days change each week.
Therefore PE kits need to be in school every day.

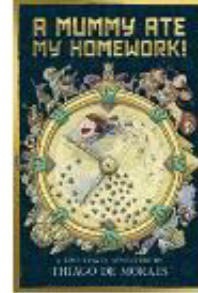


Reading

Key skills we will develop are:

- Retrieve information from the text.
- Inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.
 - Sequencing events.
- Identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning.
- Identifying themes and conventions in a wide range of books
- Using dictionaries to check the meaning of words that they have read

We will be reading



Writing

Outcome 1: Setting description

Audience: Thiago de Moraes (author)

Purpose: To describe

Outcome 2: Letter

Audience: Family

Purpose: To inform and describe

Outcome 3: Non-Chronological Report

Audience: Parents

Purpose: To inform

Outcome 4: Informative Poetry

Audience: Parents

Purpose: To inform

Key skills we will develop are:

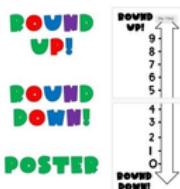
- Fronted adverbials: for example, Later that day, I heard bad news.
- Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around the theme.
- Conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause.

Maths

Key skills we will develop are:

Reasoning with 4 digit numbers

- understanding the number system
- identifying 10, 100 or 1000 more or less
- rounding numbers of up to 4 digits with increasing accuracy
- applying learning



Maths

Key skills we will develop are:

Addition and Subtraction

- Deriving facts from known facts
- Exploring appropriate strategies
- Applying formal column methods
- Solving word problems

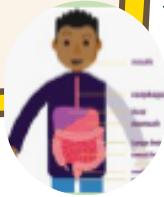
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Foundation Subjects

Science:

Simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans; Different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions; Food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey



PSHE: Relationships

Families and friendships: Positive friendships, including online. Safe relationships: Responding to hurtful behaviour; managing confidentiality; recognising risks online. Respecting ourselves & others: Respecting differences and similarities; discussing difference sensitively.



Art Sculpture

Creating Canopic jars with lids from clay.



Computing:

E-Safety: online relationships

Digital Literacy: Animation

Capture images and use software to create an animation.



History

The Ancient Egyptians

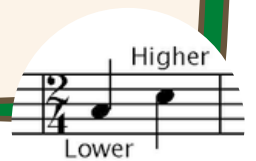
The achievements of the earliest civilizations



Music:

Pitch – Jingle Bells

Relationship between different pitches, read and perform short melodic phrases



Pitch

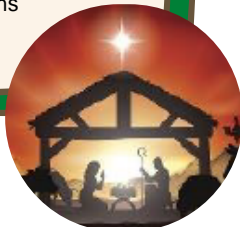
RE:

Golden thread: Special

Christmas around the world

Celebrations

Christian faith traditions



Spanish

When is your birthday? – Numbers to 31, saying my age, learning months, saying when my birthday is. Introducing myself. Enjoying stories and songs.

PE:

Swimming

Dance



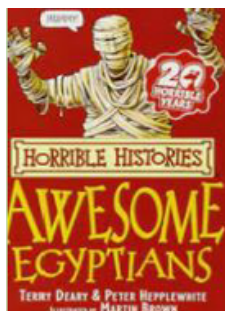
How can you help your child at home?

Reading

Reading is an essential skill that children must develop so that they can access the whole curriculum at school and beyond. We are passionate about ensuring that children have a love for reading.

To help your child at home develop their reading skills you can:

- Read every day and record it in their home learning journal.
- Talk about books with your child to encourage a love of reading.
- Take your child to a local library to borrow books.
- Encourage your child to sound out unknown words.
- Practise weekly phonics sounds that are sent home (if appropriate).



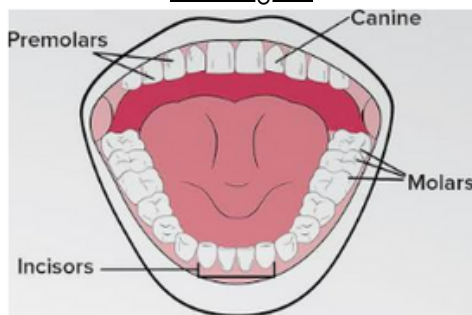
Science – Animals including humans

In science, part of our topic will include learning the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans;

Different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions;

Food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z8784xs#zmgtttd>



Maths: Times tables

It is really important that we are practising our times tables as by the end of the school year we need to know every times table up to 12 x 12 and recall them within 6 seconds.

The following websites, including TTRS are great ways of having fun whilst learning your tables.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/318/Tommys-Trek-Times-Tables>

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