

Curriculum Newsletter

Our topic this Half Term is called 'Ancient Civilisations.' This project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation.

English

Our class text this Half Term is called 'Egyptology' by Dugald Steer. We will get **ready** for our writing by exploring some artefacts and making predictions about the text. The children will be encouraged to make links between historical artefacts and how they might be included in our text. The children will then analyse a good example of a suspense story written from the perspective of explorer Emily Sands who has been tasked to find the mysterious treasures laying at the heart of Osiris' Tomb. To finish off this writing topic, the children will be writing their own suspenseful stories using the language and grammar built from the previous stages.

Maths

We will be spending time this Half Term looking at Fractions, Decimals and Capacity. The children will deepen their understanding of fractions by exploring the role of numerators and denominators before moving onto equivalent fractions and adding/subtracting. Later in the Half Term, the Year 3s will move onto Capacity whereas the Year 4s will apply their fractions knowledge with decimals.

Science

This Half Term we are exploring 'Forces and Magnets'. The children will be exploring magnetic and non-magnetic materials, north and south attraction and repellent and testing how friction works on different surfaces.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'For Christians, what was the impact of Pentecost?'

Music

In Class 3, we will be looking at creating grime beats using online software. We will be using our new Charanga log ins to complete tasks based on the creation of grime beats. We will also be exploring the grime industry and thinking about how artists use this genre of music to express themselves.

MFL

This Half Term Class 3 will be recalling numbers to 15 and learning tongue twisters to help learn how to order fruit and vegetable products. The children will be encouraged to use polite words and phrases alongside using masculine and feminine specific language.

Computing

Our first computing focus this Half Term will be based around E-Safety. We will then move on to learning about programming which will be linked to patterns within games and online software.

PE

Our PE focus this Half Term is Baseball. The children have already been choosing their favourite MLB teams and learning the rules. We will be following an exciting 6 week sequence towards our very own 'Witheridge World Series'.

Art/DT

This terms focus for Art and Design is Sculpture. The children are lucky enough to work alongside Laura Butcher to design, create and evaluate their Egyptian style sculptures with Hieroglyphs. We are also going to be studying artists /sculptures and making comparisons with their work. Our DT week falls at the end of this Half Term where our children will be making soft toys linked to our Curriculum Driver 'Building Self Esteem'.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this Half Term is called 'Relationships'. We will be exploring the roles we play within our families, friendships and wider world. The children will be learning about how to overcome obstacles in relationships and discussing the challenges that this provides.

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