

<u>English</u>

In English we will begin by focusing on fiction text 'The Accidental Prime Minister' which will lead us to create our own sequels to the story. We will then explore persuasive adverts, concluding with writing our own persuasive adverts for a Prime Minister. Within our writing we will be developing our application of skills to add detail, such as using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions, ensuring that these skills are secure and consistently applied. We will also continue to focus on our spelling, ensuring we are applying common exception words consistently and accurately. During Guided Reading sessions, we will be continuing to read a range of fiction/non-fiction texts and checking that these make sense to us. We will be using VIPERS skills when answering various comprehension questions and will explain the meaning of words in context.

Art

In art we will develop our design and craft skills by making our own Egyptian scrolls, taking inspiration from Ancient Egyptian Art, pattern and paper making.

Design Technology

This half term we will be building on our sewing skills and be introduced to cross-stitch and appliqué. We will design, decorate and assemble our very own Egyptian collars.

Music

We will begin whole class instrumental lessons this half term, focusing on music from South Africa. We will be using tuned percussion instruments and will develop our rhythmic, singing and notation skills.

Religious Education

This half term we be investigating and identifying similarities and differences between features of key religious festivals and celebrations.

Computing

We will begin by completing our learning about sending and receiving emails safely. We will then move on to creating a branching database and sorting objects using 'yes' and 'no' questions. We will finish the term by exploring, analysing and evaluating simulations.

Ancient Egypt



<u>History</u>



In this exciting unit, we will explore Ancient Egypt, and understand key facts about this time period which ran parallel to our previous learning about the Stone Age to Iron Age. We will begin by learning about early civilisations and how they started, including the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. We will discover what life was like for Ancient Egyptians, understand the roles of religion and farming in their lives, and discover when their greatest achievements occurred. We will be making use of lots of artefacts to help us understand Egyptian achievements and learn about key individuals such as Tutankhamun.

Save the Date

- 6th March World Book Day
- 12th March Book Fare Arrives in School
- 21st March Red Nose Day
- 26th March Y3 Carding Mill Valley visit
- 31st March Easter Bonnets into School
- 4th April School Council's School Disco
- 10th April Y3/4 Easter Bonnet Parade/Special Awards 2pm
- 11th April Children break up for Easter at normal time
- 28th April Return to School

Maths

In maths we will continue to consolidate our multiplication and division methods involving 2-digit numbers, focusing on methods of multiplication and division for 2-digit numbers including exchange and remainders. We will then explore length and perimeter where we will learn to convert between different units and apply our knowledge in problem solving contexts. We will then develop our understanding of fractions by understanding the terms denominator and numerator before counting in fractions on a number line and building on our learning of equivalent fractions. We will demonstrate our confidence in these skills by reasoning and solving problems. We will continue to use concrete materials, pictorial methods, and abstract methods to consolidate our understanding.

Science / STEM

We will begin the half term by completing our learning about forces and magnets. We will then build on our knowledge of Animals including Humans from Year 2. We will use our scientific enquiry to learn about the main food groups in order to help us understand that we need the right type and amount of nutrition in our bodies. We will then learn that humans and some animals need skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. Throughout the unit we will be using key vocabulary and developing our working scientifically skills.

PE / Games

In Games, we will be further developing our skills for net and wall games such as tennis. In our PE sessions, we will be starting a unit called 'Health and Fitness', looking at lots of active ways to keep our bodies fit and healthy.

PSHE

This half term we will continue our unit on safety and the changing body. During the unit we will learn how to contact the emergency services as well how to respond to unsafe digital content and making independent choices.

British Values Focus

Mutual Respect

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Curiosity/ Success.