

# Year 3/4 Summer 2: Ancient Egypt



**Topic Overview:** This half term will be a History Focus where we will be finding out about life in Ancient Egypt.

**Science:** Our Science topic is 'Animals and Living Things'. The children will be exploring how we group different vertebrates and invertebrates using classification keys and thinking and generating questions around this topic.

**History:** Our History topic is 'Ancient Egypt.' The children will learn about how and where the Ancient Egyptians lived, what was important to their daily lives, who Tutankhamun was and how mummies were made. They will also study hieroglyphs to communicate with each other.

**Computing:** The children will be using Scratch to practice their coding skills to create a maze and to code their sprite around their game.

**French:** During our French lessons, the children will be introduced to: the days of the week, the date and weather.

**Art and Design:** The children will be exploring using clay and tools to mould and create an Ancient Egyptian artefact. They will then study hieroglyphs and use these to spell their name when they create their own Egyptian cartouche.

**PE:** During their PE lessons, the children will be developing their hand and eye co-ordination during their striking/fielding lessons. They will also be competing in a number of athletics events consisting of running, throwing and jumping.

**English:**

The class story we will be continuing to read this term is 'The Boy at the back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. During our Bug Club session, we are reading 'A Tale of Two Poggles'.

We will be writing a first person recount of Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. This will be followed by writing a set of instructions explaining 'How to mummify.'

**Jigsaw:**

The topic for this half term is 'Changes'. During the term, we will be having class discussions around puberty and what is needed to make a baby. We will then move onto helping the children with the transition into their new classes and discuss how they can deal with their feelings about change and transitions in their life.

**RE:**

Our RE topic this term is all about the Hindu religion. Our key enquiry question that the children will be focusing on is, 'Would visiting the River Ganges feel special to a non-Hindu?'

**Maths:**

**Year 3:**

Year 3 will be covering shape, mass and capacity. We will be looking at turns and angles before moving onto drawing different types of angles. We will also be recognising and describing 2-d and 3-d shapes. To finish this half term, we will have fun measuring and comparing mass and capacity.

**Year 4:**

Year 4 will be covering statistics, properties of shape and position and direction. We will be looking at reading and creating line graphs and how to interpret these and other types of chart. We will then be looking at turns and angles; comparing and identifying angles. We will also be recognising and describing triangles and quadrilaterals before moving onto symmetry. To finish this half term, we will have fun describing position and movement on a grid.

**How you can help?**

As always, your continued support with your child's learning is greatly appreciated. Please hear your child read regularly and sign their reading record. Support children in learning weekly spellings and times tables. Don't forget to log on to Bug Club for extra reading and grammar activities.

**Homework:**

We will continue to send out a half termly homework menu, from which the children can select the activities they would like to complete. Please enjoy spending time completing this homework with your child in their homework book.