

## English

The children will continue with writing a newspaper report on the 1922 discovery of Pharaoh Tutankhamen's tomb. The children will learn the features of journalistic writing and the presentation of articles.

Throughout the rest of the term we will be reading the book *Journey to Jo'burg* which will influence our writing. As a class we will discuss some of the issues raised in the book where the children will do drama imagining they're the characters and portraying thoughts and feelings. The children will write a recount and a letter based on events in the story.

We will then do some research on what South Africa is like as a place. Using what they have learnt the children will then create a persuasive travel destination advert.

We have a series of grammar focuses this term which include determiners, pronouns and adverbial phrases.

## Science

This term our topic is Electricity. The children will learn where electricity comes from, why it can be hazardous, the different symbols for each part of an electric circuit and what insulators and conductors are. They will also carry out different investigations where they will create their own circuits using bulbs, buzzers and motors.

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**We are basing our topic on the book *Journey to Jo'Burg* by Beverly Naidoo, about two children's journey to find their mother in Johannesburg in South Africa.**

## Maths

We have learnt all the times tables now so we are revisiting them and practising them in order to consolidate recall of both multiplication and division facts.

Many of the mathematical concepts we will cover this term require a good understanding of the times tables, so any extra practise at home will positively impact their understanding in school!

The children will focus on using efficient written methods to solve more complex multiplication and division (short multiplication and short division).

We will also be learning to use our understanding of place value and factor pairs to quickly mentally multiply and divide.

Fractions will be revisited and children will begin to apply their understanding of fractions to solve problems.

## Computing

Children look at ways of presenting charts and information in Excel and consider ways of keeping themselves safe whilst online.

### RE

With a focus back to Judaism, this term the children will learn about how Jewish people commit themselves to God.

### PSHE

We will be looking at the topic 'Relationships.' Where the children will be thinking about the different relationships with people in their lives and how they've changed over time.

### DT

In DT the children will be continuing to design and create their own opening and closing sarcophagus. We will be using pneumatics to complete this.

### PE

In Class PE, the children will be doing netball. With Mr Barnett, children will develop their cricket skills.

### Geography & History

As our new topic is South Africa, we will be looking at the geography of this country and its landscape before learning about the climate & weather throughout the different seasons. We spend a little time discussing the apartheid system, its impact on the country and the importance Nelson Mandela.

### Reminders

As the weather is getting hotter please make sure the children have an adequate hat and at least one water bottle. You may want to provide sun cream on particularly hot days. Our Year 4 play will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the afternoon – look out for more details, including ticket information nearer the time.