

### **English**

Initially, our work in English will be based on the book 'The Scarab's Secret' which links nicely with our Egyptian topic. The children will be writing descriptive pieces using fronted adverbials and powerful expanded noun phrases.

After this, we will focus on writing instructions on mummification, looking specifically at being clear and succinct, using time openers and imperative verbs.

Our grammar focus is noun phrases. We will look at identifying, modifying and expanding noun phrases. We will also study prepositional phrases and recap the use of accurate punctuation.

### **French**

Children will recap the vocabulary learnt last year and also some new vocabulary related to classroom routines.

### **Computing Computing**

The children will use 2Code to write a programme that accomplishes a specific goal. We will also consider how to keep safe whilst using the internet and think about which images are appropriate to share online.

### **Reminders**

PE need to remain in school.

Children need to have a reading book in school every day. Reading Records will be collected in every Monday.

### **Science**

Through our 'Digestive System' unit of work, the children will find out how food is digested and where it travels around the body.

Linked to this are the different diets of animals and whether they are predators, prey or both.

We will revise the types of teeth and how to keep our teeth healthy.

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**We are going to be learning about the Ancient Egyptians, everything from daily life, to mummification, Egyptian gods, Egyptian artwork and hieroglyphs.**

### **RE**

With a focus on Judaism, the children will learn about the 10 Commandments and about the special relationship Jews have with God.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE, the focus will be on the children understanding who they are and celebrating similarities and differences as part of the school community and wider community.

### **DT**

Children will learn about pneumatic systems and how air can create movement. They will then use this knowledge to design and make their own Canopic jar.

### **Maths**

The children will extend their knowledge of place value up to numbers with 4 digits, thinking about the value of each digit and ordering numbers. They will use this knowledge to help them round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

The children will learn to double and half 4-digit numbers and will look at the properties of 2-D shapes, including angles.

Alongside this, we will recap the 3x, 4x and 6x tables.

### **PE**

This term the children will learn a range of football skills. They will also be doing cross-country.

### **Music**

Class 10 will have ukulele lessons every Tuesday for the first three terms with a teacher from the Swindon Music services. Class 10 will be learning music notation through playing the glockenspiel.

### **Geography**

Children will be able to locate Egypt on a map and understand why the Egyptians lived on the banks of the River Nile. They will link this into the three cycles in the farming year.

### **History**

We are looking at the ancient Egyptian civilisation and the artefacts the Egyptians left behind. This will give the children an insight into what life was like in Ancient Egypt. They will also be able to place this period of history on a timeline.