

### **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 use this to help create their own Egyptian narrative. Along with this, the children will be writing a diary entry as the famous archaeologist Howard Carter on the day he discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun. Whilst learning about Egypt, we'll also find out more about the process of mummification and write our own set of instructions on how to do this. In Guided Reading, we will be looking at a range of genres including a diary, non-fiction and narrative. Developing vocabulary will continue to be a focus as well inference skills.

### **PE**

In PE the children will be learning different techniques in gymnastics and developing their hockey skills. The children will also be swimming weekly.

### **Computing**

Our next unit focuses on using spreadsheets. Children will learn how to enter data into a spreadsheet, add formulas to make calculations across the cells and then create charts from their table of data.

### **Reminders**

PE kits need to remain in school. Please bring in reading records on Mondays to earn your reading rewards.

### **Science**

Our topic for this term is Living things and their habitats. The children will be learning about vertebrates and invertebrates and how to classify different animals and plants. They will also be learning how to use and create classification keys. The children will be encouraged to consider the effects of climate change on our world and endangered species. Finally, the children will be developing their investigative and observational skills.



### **RE**

Our theme for this term is Buddhism. The children will be learning about the life of Buddha and considering whether his teachings could make the world a better place.

### **PSHE**

We will be looking at 'Dreams and goals' where the children will be thinking about what they want to achieve from their immediate and long-term future.

### **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.

### **Diary Dates**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – first swimming lesson at the link centre.

### **Maths**

The children will be continuing to learn effective mental strategies for calculating, this time focusing on subtraction. After, they will be using their knowledge of previously learnt tables to build the 11 and 12 times tables, ready for the Multiplication Tables Check in June. Finally, children will move on to using written methods for adding and subtracting, using the skills and understanding from our learning around mental strategies to support their calculation.

### **French**

This term our topic is 'Going Shopping'. The children will be reviewing the vocabulary of fruits, vegetables and clothing. They will then learn how to ask key questions about going shopping.

### **Music**

Class 9 will have a final term of clarinet lessons every Friday with a teacher from Swindon Music services. Class 10 will be developing pulse and groove through improvisation, following the theme of Music is a change-maker.

### **History**

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