

Andrews' Endowed Year 4 Topic



Overview Autumn Term 2019

Ancient History -Ancient Egyptians

Why do humans keep things? Do artefacts actually belong to us? How have the Egyptians affected our future? These are the questions we will be exploring through our Fantastic Pharaohs topic this half term. We will be learning about ancient Egypt, and discussing the impact about historical events today. We will be learning about what a museum does and how curators help.

English

In English this half term, we will be focusing on the novel 'Varjak Paw' to focus on descriptions of setting; Information pages about types of cat; Instructions from a different character's point of view.

English

In Autumn 2, we will be focusing on the picture book 'The Lost Thing'. The children will be exploring what a biography is and writing one, and revising compound and complex sentences, learning about clauses in sentences and types of subordinate clause.

Physical Geography –Biomes and veg belts

Do things always have to change? We will be learning about characters of biomes that scientists use to classify climates, what the difference between weather and climate is and what lives in which biome. Philosophical discussions will be formed focusing on our Planet.

DT – Food Tech

Research, plan and make ancient Egyptian Bread – a staple of their diet. Afterwards, the original recipe will be developed with each child's own modern 'twist'.

Art

Scarab beetles.
Headdress design.
Artist focus on Gustav Klimt.

'Fantastic Pharaohs' Autumn 1

Computing

Word Processing and office skills.

Computing

Photo and sound editing – we will be making our own radio programme.

'Brilliant Biomes' Autumn 2

Art

This half term we will explore Henri Rousseau's jungle themed paintings. We will create our own jungle pictures and collages inspired by Rousseau's Tiger picture 'Surprised'.

PE

Football (Autumn 1)

Dance (Autumn 1)

Gym (Autumn 2)

Hockey (Autumn 2)

RE

Devotion – Hindu Worship.

Mahashivratri or Great Night of Shiva is a night dedicated to the god Shiva. We will be exploring this festival amongst others and discovering what 'devotion' means in a Hindu context.

Prophecy – Christianity – the Magi and their gifts.

Why do we have presents at Christmas? What is prophecy?

Music

-Music in poetry – focusing on performance
-Environment – discovering music such as 'The Four Seasons' and using environmental items to compose.

French - We will be revising asking for and giving personal details. writing/recording an introductory message to our new French partner class. We will also be discovering and using personal pronouns with simple opinions-verbs (like/dislike).

PSHE + Citizenship

What is diversity?
Difference and diversity of people living in the UK; values and customs of people around the world; stereotypes.

Science

States of Matter

Solids, liquids and gases, temperature, evaporation, the water cycle.

Maths

Children will be expected to know all of their times tables up to 12x12 and to apply this knowledge to questions. Their understanding of place value moves to the thousands column which should allow them to compare and round numbers, to add 1000 to any number and to use columns to add or subtract four-digit numbers. At this stage, children get familiar with Roman Numerals and can interpret them accurately. They also multiply two or three-digit numbers by single digits. The understanding of fractions and their link to decimals deepens at this stage as they start to see 'families' of equivalent fractions and understand how to convert any number of tenths or hundredths into a decimal. Children continue to develop their fluency with time and can convert between digital and analogue clocks and from hours to minutes to seconds.