

# Autumn Term Year 3 The Egyptians

## English

In English lessons we will be writing explanation texts about being mummified, the River Nile and building pyramids. We will then go on to writing stories with an Egyptian theme. Finally, we will learn about writing a formal letter. Throughout learning about these text types we will continue to build our grammar and spelling knowledge.

## Music

We will be learning to play the recorders. We will start by learning how to play the note B and A. Make sure you keep your recorder in your school bag so that you have it in school and can take it home to practise.

## Computing

We will start by learning how to stay safe online, keeping passwords secure, protecting personal information, using websites safely, asking permission before downloading and the effects of posting comments and communicating with others. In the second half of term we will learn how to be computer programmers, planning and inputting instructions to create a sequence.

## Maths

This term in maths we will be learning about numbers and calculations including:

- Place value
- Counting in multiples of 4,8,50 and 100
- The four operations in mental and written calculations
- We will also explore properties on 2D and 3D shapes .

## P.E.

In P.E. we will have gymnastics sessions in the hall on a Thursday, please wear P.E kit on this day. Swimming lessons will take place on a Monday. Make sure you have your swimming bag with you.

## Topic

Our topic this term is the Ancient Egyptians. We will be discovering how people used to live, what they ate and the tools they used. Time will be spent learning how and why the pyramids were built. We will learn about the gory process of mummification and why pharaohs preferred this. The importance of the River Nile will be researched and we will learn many interesting Egyptian facts.

## Science

We will be learning about rocks and soils during the first half of term. In the second half we will learn about forces and magnetism. The children are welcome to bring in any rocks, fossils or magnets that you have at home.

## R.E. & P.S.H.E.

In PSHE our theme is 'Beginning and Belonging', we will be learning how to adjust to new situations and find our role in helping others to adjust too. In RE, we will explore a Christian's understanding of Creation and then Incarnation as we draw closer to Christmas. Our school value for the first half term is 'Thankfulness', and 'Compassion' for the second half.