



Summer Term 2024

Parents' Curriculum Information

Phase 3 (Year 5)



English



Our class novel this term will be “Secrets of a Sun King” by Emma Carroll. We will also be looking at a variety of poetry later in the term. As before, pupils will be given many opportunities to write for a variety of purposes, which will often link in with our topic of ‘The Ancient Egyptians’. Writing opportunities will include: an explanation text about the mummification process and an informal letter from the perspective of Howard Carter. Children will also be given the chance to experiment in writing their own poetry. Statutory spelling and grammar objectives are taught both in specific mini lessons and within English lesson starters.

Please support and encourage your child to read at home daily and record this in their yellow log. Short bursts of regular reading will support your child in all areas of their learning and allow them to continue to make good progress. Every 2 weeks your child will be invited to choose a book from the library to read and take home. Please ensure these are then returned so that a new book can be chosen.



Maths

In maths this summer term, we will focus on both written and practical activities relating to fractions, decimals, geometry, position, direction and measurement. We will also look at different aspects of shape, including estimating and measuring angles. We will then move on to looking at measurements using different units and tools. All of our maths learning will cover fluency and reasoning skills and children will then have the opportunity to apply these skills to solve problems. Alongside this, we will continue to consolidate prior learning through our ‘5 a Day’ maths sessions in the morning. We will also continue with our ‘Times Table Mountain’ checks in the classroom as this has a fantastic impact on your child’s arithmetic learning. Children are also encouraged to continue using ‘Times Tables Rockstars’ at home to help them with this.



Science, History and Geography



Our topic for this term is ‘The Ancient Egyptians’, which will have a particular focus on history. We will research what life was like for the ancient Egyptians and how they have influenced our lives today, using a variety of historical sources. The children will be immersed into their new topic on the first day back of school! We have also organised an ‘Egyptian Day’ after half term, which will be run by the brilliant company ‘Make the Classroom Disappear’. More details to follow. Some geography is also incorporated into this topic - we will be looking at where Egypt is and its human and physical features.

Our science topics involve looking at life cycles and reproduction in plants and animals. This will be linked to our PSHE learning (puberty) as well.

Computing and Online Safety



In our online safety lessons, we will learn about “Online Relationships”, understanding how to be safe online whilst thinking about privacy and security (e.g. how to create strong passwords and investigating app permissions). In computing lessons, we will be using software to create a poster and evaluating our work.

PSHE and RE



Our Year 5 PSHE unit this term will focus on relationships, before moving on to learning about changes including puberty. This will take place in the second half of the term and parents will be informed about what will be covered and when this will be covered at a later date. Learning about healthy lifestyles will be incorporated into our PE Active Week in the second half term too.

In RE, we will be looking at the religion of Christianity, focusing on the Eucharist and pilgrimage. Then in the second half term, we will explore Buddhism.

PE



Pupils will have two PE lessons each week and must have a complete PE kit in school. Lessons will be predominantly outside this term, so it is important that pupils have suitable trainers. Please ensure that all kit is clearly named. Long hair must be tied back and pupils must remove all jewellery. Pupils should leave earrings at home on specified PE days (Tuesdays and Fridays). Our PE lessons will cover athletics and cricket this half term, followed by golf and tennis in the second half. Provision will continue to be made for the boys and girls to change separately.

Art, Music and Design and Technology



This term, art will focus on self-portraits. We will be looking at the work of Chila Kumari Singh Burman. We will also compare this to art created by the ancient Egyptians. Children will then have the opportunity to design their own Egyptian headdress.

In DT, we will be creating our own ‘Doodler’ using electrical systems, as well as designing our own pop-up books using a variety of techniques. To tie in with our space topic, we will explore images from the “Space Race” Era of the 1950s and 60s.

French lessons continue regularly, with children building upon their prior learning of numbers and advancing to look at the numbers 50-100 as well as looking at Euros.

In music, we will continue with our violin (5CC – Tuesdays) and brass (5JH – Wednesdays) lessons delivered by the Suffolk County Music Service. The children will be advancing their understanding of musical notation as well as learning and practising musical pieces to prepare for our WCET Festival Concert at the end of June.

Please see the monthly newsletters from Mr Pettitt or the calendar on our school website to keep up with key dates and events for our Year Group.

Have a wonderful summer term!

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