TERM 2

English

This term, we will continue with our much-loved class text 'An Ancient Egyptian Sleepover'. We will be writing our own alternative ending, a detailed character description, some action-packed dialogues between Mo and Professor Maria Van Tam and some creative instructions on how to steal Christmas in role as the Grinch. Towards the end of the term, we will be retelling the wonderful Nativity story.

We will also continue to work on improving the children's reading, comprehension, grammar and punctuation skills.

Maths

Initially, we will be continuing our learning of addition and subtraction. We will develop our ability to add and subtract 3-digit numbers using the column method with exchanges.

After our addition and subtraction unit, we will move onto multiplication and division. We will be initially focussing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

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Science

Our next Science topic will be Animals Including Humans. We will start by learning about the different types of teeth we have and their functions. Most importantly we will be learning how to keep our teeth healthy.

Then, we will learn all about the incredible digestive system. There will also be an opportunity to create a working model of a digestive system!

Computing & E-Safety

Our new focus for this term will be computer coding. We will be learning how to apply timers to programmes, as well as learning how to install repeat commands.

In addition, we will also be using the laptops to gather research about Egypt linking with both our History and Geography unit.

Geography

In connection with our History topic the Ancient Egyptians, we will be looking at where Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered in the Valley of the Kings. Then, we will specifically focus on Egypt where we will compile a fact file exploring its climate, population, tourism, famous landmarks and land geography.

History

Excitingly, we will be continuing our History topic about the Ancient Egyptians. We will initially focus on the powerful symbol of the scarab beetle and why it was so favoured by the Ancient Egyptians. Then, we will start our journey of discovery into Pharaoh's tombs. We will be using virtual reality software to explore what a real Pharaoh's tomb would have looked like and we will be learning all about Howard Carter's impressive discovery of the lost tomb of Tutankhamun.

French

Our fantastic specialist teacher, Madame Ives will begin our learning by teaching us some parts of the face and body interactively through song. Then, as we draw closer to Christmas we will learn about some interesting French Christmas traditions. We will also learn how to read and translate a joyful, festive story about a snowman.

RHE

In our Relationship and Health Education lessons, we will use the Ten: Ten Life to the Full programme to learn that we are created and loved by God. We will think about our bodies and our emotional well-being and learn how to appreciate and respect our bodies as gifts from God. This unit will also teach us that we all have different skills and God-given talents which we should celebrate.

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Art & DT

This term, we will have many opportunities to express our creative talents. First, we will be making sketches of the Ancient Egyptian scarab beetle incorporating fine details and using the same symbolic colour pallets that the Ancient Egyptians would have used. Then, we will turn our designs into sculptures of scarab beetle amulets which were used to decorate the Pharaohs as a symbol of protection, luck and divinity. After that, we will use a collage technique to create Egyptian headdresses. We will also be making lots of Christmas craft and Christmas treats too!

PE

This term in PE, our energetic specialist teacher, Mrs Doubtfire, will be teaching us Handball. Mrs Doubtfire will work with the children to develop their skills in performing accurate passes in different situations, moving with the ball using the 3-step rule and basic overarm shooting techniques.

ENRICHMENT

30th November Cinema trip

Carol singing

Christmas craft

Music

This term in music, our talented specialist teacher, Mrs Martin will initially be teaching us how to sing beautifully for our carol singing debut. Then, we will be learning about instrument families such as strings, woodwind, brass and percussion. We will use our learning to help us play and perform in an ensemble.

RE

We will continue our 'Lighting the Path' RE scheme with the main topic of prophecy and promise.

First, we will look at what being a prophet means and then we will look closely at the prophets Elijah and John the Baptist. We will be looking at how different Gospels portrayed them, the similarities they shared and how John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy that Elijah foretold. Then, we will look at St. Oscar Romero's work in El Salvador and how this can inspire us to help our local community.