



Curriculum Information

RE

Our new RE topic this term is '**Creation and Covenant**'. The children will explore the story of Abraham, the father of faith, learning about his deep trust in God. They will also look at the theological virtues, love, hope and faith. Our second topic is called '**Prophecy and Promise**' which will explore Advent on the lead up to Christmas and studying some key messengers like Elijah and John the Baptist.

Literacy

Writing

This term we will be recapping writing skills including expanded noun phrases, adverbs and inverted commas. The children will then use these alongside Y4 skills such as fronted adverbials, co-ordinating conjunctions, and direct speech

Reading

The children will practise VIPERSS skills through a range of fiction and non fiction texts.

Spelling:

Weekly rule will be using purplemash spellings and applying phonic rules to learn the y3/4 spelling common exception words.

Mathematics

The children will be learning about the place value of 4 digit numbers, rounding, ordering and the comparing of numbers.

After that, they will be practising the formal written methods for addition and subtraction, including using the inverse to check answers—information on these methods can be found on the school website.

Times tables will remain a focus this year and children will be practising all the times tables - remember the children can use TTRockstars at home.

History

Ancient Egypt:

Our next history unit is Ancient Egypt, where the children will learn when and where this ancient civilisation began and explore the importance of the River Nile.

They will learn about Ancient Egyptian beliefs, including gods and goddesses, mummification and the afterlife, as well as exploring significant artefacts such as the Rosetta Stone and the Pyramids of Giza.

Key Vocabulary: Ancient Egypt, hieroglyphics, immortal, irrigation,

Memphis, mummification, preserve, Pyramids of Giza, River Nile, sarcophagus.

Geography

Where does our food come from:

In the second half term, we will be learning about where our food comes from and how food production can impact the environment. The children will explore different biomes, food miles and the journey of food from production to our plates. They will also learn about responsible trading, food imports and ways we can reduce the negative impact of food production.

Key Vocabulary: Consume, distribution, export, fertiliser, food bank, food miles, grant.

Science

Animals, including humans: Digestion and food :

This unit will explore the journey of food through the human digestive system, identify the distinct functions of different human teeth, and construct food chains to understand how energy is transferred between living things.

Vocabulary: Canine, incisor, molar, mouth, oesophagus, digest, intestine, stomach, saliva, fair test

Energy: Sound and vibrations :

In the second half of the term, we will be focussing on how sounds are created through vibrations and how these travel through different materials to our ears.

Vocabulary: air, eardrum, proof, sound, vibrations, bar chart, insulator, pitch, record, results table, volume

Computing

Animation: This unit introduces children to animation and the common techniques used by animators, using animation software.

Unpacking hardware & software:

Children will understand the role of hardware and software, and how they interact together to complete tasks.

Online Safety: Children will learn to keep their digital identity safe online and protect their private data, while also recognising how to handle online bullying.

Physical Education

Dance: Pupils will work in small groups to create and perform dances. They will revisit and apply key dance elements, including levels, unison, canon, formations, pathways and energy. (St James)

Gymnastics: Children will refine key movement and rolling techniques (e.g. teddy bear roll) with strong body control. Working individually and in small groups, they will explore matching and mirroring balances, and create and perform sequences. (St James)

Swimming: St. Lucy will be attending swimming lessons for the Advent term.

French

Welcome back to school: the children will revise how to greet each other, learn basic numbers and objects around the school

My town, your town: children will learn to say some classroom commands. They will also learn to say and write some places in town.

Homework

Children will be sent home with a homework book on a Friday. Inside, there will be a homework grid. The children are asked to complete two pieces of work from different columns. Homework books need to be returned by Wednesday.

Children will also receive spellings which will be tested on Friday .

We ask that children also be allowed to access their TT

Rockstars accounts at home so that they can practise their times tables. Passwords will be in their reading records.

Daily Reading

Your child will bring home a reading book which they are expected to read to an adult daily.

These books will be related to their accelerated reader level so they may quiz regularly. Please keep their reading record up to date.

