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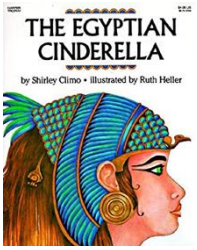
Half Termly Newsletter

Year 3 and Year 4 – Autumn 2

Dear families,
We hope you had a good half term break.
Please find below, an overview of our curriculum for the 2nd half of the Autumn term including the areas of learning we will be focusing on in each subject.
As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.
Mrs Henderson & Mrs Pearce

English

This half term we will be reading 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo.



We will be learning about inference, writing in role as a character and developing grammar skills including the use of expanded noun phrases and conjunctions as well as continuing to learn and use a range of vocabulary to best effect.

Maths

In maths, our focus will continue to be on **number** and we will be looking at addition and subtraction which will include estimating answers, understanding how to use inverse operations and selecting the most efficient method to use.

We will also start looking at methods for multiplication and division including arrays and sharing and grouping.

Science

Our Science unit of work is 'States of Matter'. The children will learn that materials and objects can be grouped into solids, liquids and gases. They will look at the properties of solids, liquids and gases and relate these to the common uses of materials.

Geography

Our geography unit of work this half term is Antarctica.
We will be finding out about the location of this continent, learning about its physical features and discovering the challenges faced by Ernest Shackleton and his crew in their expedition to the South Pole.

Computing

Our unit of work in Computing this half term is Audio Production.
The children will learn about digital devices capable of recording sound and/or playing audio. They will learn to identify device inputs and outputs and discuss the ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of duplicating the work of others.

DT

Our DT this half term focuses on understanding mechanical systems.
The children will be exploring and making different lever and linkage mechanisms and work towards producing their own poster with a moving mechanism around the theme of 'recycling.'

Religious Education

In RE, the children will be learning about aspects of Islam.
They will find out how Muslims show their obedience to Allah and learn about different practices within the religion including prayer.

Physical Education

In PE this half term, the focus will be Gymnastics where the children will develop balancing, rolling and jumping movements.
We will also work on Fitness where the children will take part in a range of activities that explore and develop different areas of their health and fitness.

PSHE

Our PSHE unit of work this half term is based on health and wellbeing.
We will be looking at different aspects of our health including how to look after our teeth as well as understanding how to express our feelings and improve our resilience.

Music	French	
In our Music lessons the children will be learning about the origins and features of rock and roll music, learning how to play the hand jive and rock around the clock.	We will continue our unit 'Des animaux au zoo.' Pupils will explore authentic French resources before writing their own version of Cher Zoo.	

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
29th November: Christmas decoration making afternoon 3rd December: Open Classrooms after school 6th December: Premier education enrichment day (PE) 17th December: Christmas service at St Martins church and Christmas lunch and activities 20th December: Last day of term.	Please ensure your child is reading their age appropriate reading book at least 4 times a week, and that they bring their Reading Record to school daily as they may read with an adult. They will also be collected in every Monday. Your child will have weekly spellings to practise which will be stuck into their Reading Record on a Friday. They will also be asked to complete 15 minutes of TT Rockstars a week. Login details will also be stuck into Reading Records. Each half term, your child will also bring home a 'Takeaway Homework Menu.' This focuses on encouraging your child to select from different tasks across the curriculum, so that a breadth of learning can be explored and enjoyed. Some of the tasks can be completed independently whilst others are designed to be a shared process. The information on the Takeaway Menu will make the expectations clear.