

# Pentecost Term Curriculum Overview



## English

In English, we will be writing and creating holiday brochures about Sicily! We will use a variety of persuasive lenses such as personification, similes and relative clauses. It will also give the children the opportunity to think of alliterative headings and catchy slogans. Using this knowledge, the children will then write an independent write all about our topic Egypt. This will allow them to implement their persuasive writing techniques and combine this with their knowledge of Egypt.

## Topic

Our next topic is all about the Ancient Egyptians! Throughout the topic we will be looking at our enquiry question 'which of the Ancient Egyptian achievements had the most significant impact?' In order to gain a better understanding of this, we will be looking at the benefits of the River Nile and the creation of the hieroglyphics, as well as the excavation skills that the Egyptians harvested and the social hierarchy throughout Ancient Egypt. In art, the children will be creating death masks, based around Tutankhamun, the Egyptian child Pharaoh. The children will research what death masks look like, thinking about the colours and patterns used. They will then construct a paper mâché mask and paint on their Egyptian pattern. In computing, the children will continue to look at creating systems and networking, where we will look at how computers are connected and what our school network looks like. As always in PSHE, we will continue to have a strong focus based around the 5 ways to wellbeing (connecting with others, keep learning, being active, noticing more, and giving.) We will also be starting our weekly RHE lessons.

## Year 3/4 - Lions

### Science

In science this term, we will be looking at Electricity, where the pupils should be taught to:

- ✚ Identify common appliances that run on electricity.
- ✚ Construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.
- ✚ Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit.
- ✚ Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.

### PE

This term P.E lessons will be focused on athletics and dance. In athletics, we will look at a range of different track and field sports and in dance we will be linking our movements to our Ancient Egyptians topic. Please ensure children have a full P.E. kit on Wednesdays, including hats and sun cream for the sunny days.

## Maths

This term we will continue with decimals and mass and we will also begin to look at money and time. We will focus on objectives such as:

- ✚ Add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both pounds and p in practical contexts.
- ✚ Estimate, compare and calculate different measures, including money in pounds and pence.
- ✚ Tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks.
- ✚ Estimate and read time with increasing accuracy to the nearest minute; use vocabulary such as o'clock, a.m./p.m., morning, afternoon, noon and midnight.

## RE

During Pentecost, we will be looking at the Come and See topics New Life and Building Bridges. Throughout these topics we will be discussing and reflecting the ideas of our two big questions. The big question for the New Life topic is 'What's so important about new life?' The big question for the Building Bridges topic is 'why are bridge builders important in life?' Using biblical scriptures, prayers, psalms and hymns, we will discuss and make links back to our big questions throughout the Pentecost term.

## Homework

- ✓ Please listen to your child read as much as possible, we would expect our children to read to an adult every day. Evidence of the children reading to an adult, must be recorded in their diaries.
- ✓ Please support your child learning their weekly spellings.
- ✓ An English and maths task will be given out as homework every Friday on Class Dojo, this will be due back on Thursday's.
- ✓ All children should be accessing Times Table Rock Stars, where they can practise their times tables in a fun way on a computer or tablet. If your child does not know their TTRS login details, then don't hesitate to contact Miss Smith.