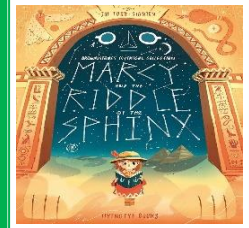


Our Learning next half term

Ancient Egypt Forces and Magnets

English: Throughout this half term, we will be looking at the story 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx'. We will be exploring the characters thoughts and feelings. Our main focus this half term is explanatory writing and this will be supported by exploring the story through a variety of teaching approaches such as a role on the wall, writing a short letter, writing in role and doing some role play. Throughout the unit, children will be engaging in authentic writing for different purposes, particularly as part of the History curriculum. The content will support children in developing their historical literacy skills, deepening their knowledge of Ancient Egypt inspired by the events, settings and characters in this fictional adventure story and practising the skills and behaviours associated with being an historian.



Reading:

We will be exploring a range of texts through a strategy called VIPERS. VIPERS stands for the reading skills: **V**ocabulary, **I**nfERENCE, **P**rediction, **E**xplanation, **R**etrieval and **S**ummarise. These are the key areas which we feel children need to know and understand in order to improve their comprehension of texts



Science:

Forces and Magnets

This half term we will be learning about forces and magnets. We will explore different materials and whether they are magnetic or non-magnetic through scientific investigations. Alongside this we will learn about the magnetic pole and how they work. Later on we will explore the forces such as push and pull and carry out experiments.

Art

We will learn about primary and secondary colours and how to mix colours that we want to use. We will learn how to produce a background wash and use a range of brushes to create different effects. We will experiment using different colours. We will also work with clay and Papier Mache to create a simple 3d objects. We will learn about sculptor Barbara Hepworth, Painter JWM Turner and Japanese artist Hokusai.

History

We will be learning about ancient civilisations in different parts of the world and comparing them.

We will learn about Ancient Egypt, the Pyramids and how the Ancient Egyptian civilisation ended. We will be asking questions about History, and looking for information using different sources. This will include the internet, non-fiction books and what we might already know.

Project

We want our children to be super creative over the holidays. We'd like all the children in year 3 to have a go at some of these ideas. What could you put on your class display?

- **Research** – Find different materials like wood, plastic and cotton and see if it is magnetic.
- **Picture** – Draw a picture of a pyramid and Tutankhamun.
- **Writing** – Can you explain how magnets work?
- **Reading** – Find some information about Ancient Egypt
- **Model** – Make model of a Pyramid.
- **Drama** – Imagine you are an archaeologist excavating a pyramid.
- **Make** – Make mummy with any recycle materials and cover with white tissue/fabric.

Do anything fun and creative and tell us about it. Post pictures on your class Purple Mash blog or just write about what you have done.

How you can support your child at home

Having conversations with your child is so very important please take the time to talk with them about current news events and anything that is important to your family. **It is also essential that you continue to take the time to read with your child and practice times tables with them daily.**

Links to websites

www.purplemash.com – Purple Mash

www.sumdog.com – Sum Dog

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk & <https://go-read.co.uk/> – Bug Club & Go Read

www.trockstars.com – Time Table Rockstars

www.mymaths.co.uk – My Maths

www.spellingshed.com – Spelling Shed

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround - News & current affairs for children

www.kids-world-travel-guide.com – Children's views of different parts of the world

<https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/7-11-years/> - Information and learning all about food

Key Vocabulary

Practice key vocabulary with your child.

Science

- Magnet
- Repel
- Attract
- Push
- Pull
- Friction
- Gravity
- Air Resistance
- Magnetic
- Non-Magnetic
- Materials

History

- Timeline
- Ancient Civilisation
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient China
- Sumer
- Indus Valley
- Shang Dynasty
- BCE
- Mummy
- Pyramid
- Giza
- Interpretation

Art

- Primary colours
- Secondary colours
- Colour wheel
- Tints and Shades
- Clay and slip
- Maquette
- Papier Mache
- Sculpture
- Hokusai
- Barbara Hepworth
- JWM Turner
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All your teachers can't wait to welcome you all back happy, healthy and safe after the half term break. Mrs Bedford, Miss Bhalla, Miss Panna & Miss Akmal.