

Autumn Term

Year 3



Curriculum Topic

Tomb Raiders

This term in Year 3 we will be learning about The Egyptians.

In our history lessons we will : be studying the Stone Age, comparing and contrasting life now and then, looking at how as humans we have changed significantly. We will also look at the past society of Ancient Egypt. We will be looking at factual evidence of the pyramids, mummies, pharaohs and artefacts and trying to find out the secrets of civilisation that began over 5000 years ago. We will also be finding out about Howard Carter – the original tomb raider. We will be exploring Egyptian art and statues and ask what they tell us about the past.

In our science lessons we will : study light and shadow. Understand how shadows are formed and discuss different sources of light. We will also be studying rocks and soils– researching what is under our feet, as well as describing rocks and their different properties, how fossils are formed, and different varieties of soil.

In our geography lessons we will be locating Egypt and use geographical vocabulary to describe its locality.



In our Literacy lessons we will:

This year in Literacy we will be reading a wide range of stories with familiar settings. We will use these texts as a basis for writing descriptively, using our senses to describe in detail. Also, year 3 will look at instructions texts, where we will be writing our own set of easy to follow instructions. This term we will focus on long vowel sounds, for example (a-e – ay-ai-ee-ea-ou-ow-ie-y-i-e-oa-o-e-ew-ue).

In our Numeracy lessons we will:

This Term in numeracy we will be reading and writing numbers to 1000, putting them in order and identifying three digit numbers on a number line. We will partition numbers into hundreds, tens and ones and add and subtract pairs of numbers that total 10 and 20. We will add and subtract a combination of 1 and 2 digit numbers mentally. We will then apply our place value knowledge by problem solving and reasoning based challenges. Our times tables focus this term will be quick recital of x3, x4 and x8 times tables.

Other activities

Explore how the Egyptians may have felt when people from other countries took their ancient treasures and discuss the fight to preserve ancient monuments such as the pyramids and sphinx. We will also discover how the weather can affect stone work and we will carry out our own experiments to see how stones react to certain chemicals.

Key Vocabulary

Here is a list of the Key Vocabulary ,linked to their topic ,your child will be using this term. To make sure your child has a good understanding of each word, it would be really helpful to us if you could explore and discuss each word on the list below.

Stone Age

Egypt

Egyptians

Pharaoh

Sarcophagus

Pyramid

Artefact

Tomb

Fossil

Properties