



Navigators Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term

Creative Learning Journey (CLJ)/

Theme

Our CLJ theme is called 'Ancient Antics' and in particular, relates closely to our History, Geography and Art learning. We will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians and the Ancient Indus Valley Civilisation in History, an extensive River Nile study in Geography and make scarab beetles and papyrus boats in Design and Technology lessons.

Reading

Children who read regularly thrive in their learning. Therefore, children will have the opportunity to read in school daily.

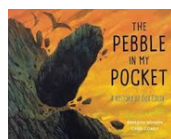
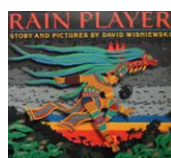
This year we will continue to incentivise reading at home to an adult. Children can choose to read whatever they enjoy reading at home - Please record a short comment in their reading records. The children will be issued a raffle ticket for 3 reads in a week and the winner will be able to come to school in non-uniform. We have a wide selection of reading books in school and children are encouraged to select an appropriate book for them to take home to read.

English Literacy

In our literacy lessons this term, we will be following the Read Write Inc Literacy and Language scheme of work which gives children the skills to comprehend texts and the confidence to write ambitiously.

In Unit 1, we will be writing a fiction story with a familiar setting, which will include writing two setting descriptions which shows contrasting moods and feelings. Our non-fiction writing will involve creating an A to Z travel guide that gives the reader clear, useful and interesting information. In Unit 2, we will be exploring playscripts and writing a new ending to the play, including some new ideas for action, stage directions and dialogue. Our non-fiction write will involve writing an instruction text with clear headings, sub-heading and precise language.

We will also be using our class texts, 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx', 'The Rain Player' and 'Pebble in my Pocket' to further develop the children's literacy skills.



Maths

In our Numeracy lessons this term we will split into two year group classes. We will be following the White Rose Maths Scheme of work and will be covering the following units:



Year 3

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction with carrying and regrouping.
- Finding area of a rectangle and square

Year 4

- Place Value
- Written calculations for all four operations
- Handling data

We will also be focusing highly on times tables this academic year so any support with this at home would be beneficial. Year 4's will take the Government Multiplication Tables Check in June.

Science

The Science for this term we will be learning about rocks and fossils, and light and shadows..

We will learn about the three main types of rocks as well as how fossils are formed. We will be able to explain what a light source is, explore how shadows are formed and how light is reflected from surfaces.

P.E. and Outdoor Forest Learning

Our P.E. will cover a combination of team games focusing on balance, coordination, hand-eye coordination, agility and fitness through a series of games and activities.

Your child will be expected to bring their PE kit into school every Monday and leave it in school for the week.

Outdoor Forest learning will be on a Thursday. Please bring in long trousers and a top to change into as forest can get muddy and wet! Wellies and a waterproof coat will be essential to take part on rainy days.

Art and Design Technology

In Art this term we will be learning about the Egyptian artist Alaa Awad, which ties closely to our Ancient Antics theme.

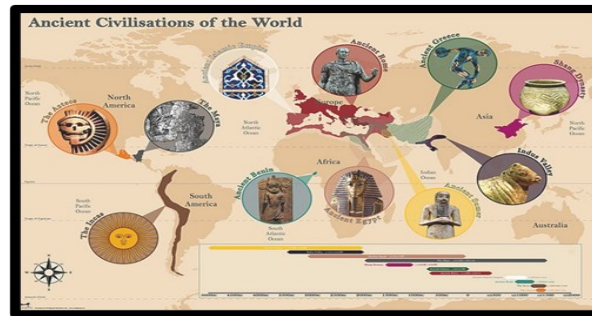
In DT, we will be developing our skills to bake classic Egyptian bread, make scarab beetles out of clay and use different materials to make papyrus boats.



Geography & History

Through our History and Geography learning, children will:

- Explore who the Ancient Egyptians were and why the River Nile was so important to them.
- Identify and use hieroglyphs
- Use historical sources to learn about Tutankhamun.
- Explore life in the Ancient Indus Valley
- Make comparisons between Ancient Egyptians and Ancient Indus Valley civilisations.



Music

In music we will be exploring sounds, beat, pitch, performance, composition, notation and structure through a range of different units.



Jigsaw PSHE



Being me in my World – being a class team, trying to make our community a better place, thinking about everyone's right to learn, working well with others.

Celebrating Differences – accept that everyone is different, including others when playing, know how to help if someone is being bullied, solving problems, giving compliments.

Computing

In our computing lessons we will continue to develop our knowledge of online safety, helping to ensure that we stay safe online. We will also be looking in more depth at connecting computers and creating our own animations.

RE

In R.E., we will be learning how Christians show reconciliation with God and others and why stewardship and generous giving is important.

Modern Foreign Languages



During the Autumn term we will focus on a phonetics unit as well as learning some key French vocabulary. We will also incorporate French into everyday tasks, such as answering the register.