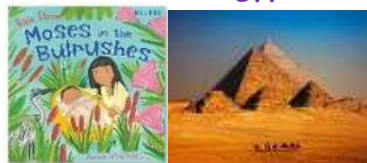


Science

- Our new unit for this half term will be: Everyday Materials.
- Children will identify a range of common materials, group and compare their properties, plus explore the physical properties of materials through testing.
- They will also call on their inner environmentalist to discover the best ways to recycle and reuse different materials.

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The Ancient Egyptians



Art & D/T

- In Art and DT we are going to explore print making and sculpture this term, looking at the art and writing of Ancient Egypt as inspiration.
- We will have a go at impressed printing using hard and soft materials- dough, cotton reels and sponges. We will then make coil pots which we will decorate using these fab techniques!

English

- In English we are going to focus on comprehension and inference as we listen and respond to the Bible story of "Moses in the Bulrushes", describing characters' feelings and using drama and writing to make predictions and write diary entries. We will also explore Biblical poetry when we learn about psalms and write our own.
- In our non-fiction work we are going to explore books and child-friendly websites to find exciting facts about the Egyptians, creating our own little Fact Files.
- We will also continue with our daily Phonics sessions where we work in groups, as well as getting stuck into regular handwriting and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons.

Mathematics

- This term Reception will continue exploring numbers 5 - 10, as well as learning about mass, capacity, length, height and time.
- Y1 and 2 will move onto a range of new topics, including recapping Place Value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Y2 will also begin learning about money.
- We will again embed Mental Maths skills by taking part in regular sessions where we play maths games and choose and work on special Fluency Targets with a teacher, for example learning to count in 5s.

Topic Work

- Our Egyptian Topic again focuses on History. We will continue to use words like "past", "present" and "chronology", deciding where to place world events on a chronological timeline.
- Using old Testament Bible stories and Egyptian artefacts, we will compare life then to life here now, learning about Egyptian achievements- writing, building and burying!
- Our "Museum" role play area will also offer lots of opportunities for discovering, investigating, writing, counting and chatting as we explore the wonderful world of Pharaohs and Mummies.

Enrichment Activities

- Y1 and 2 will have a talk from the Fire Service about fire safety.
- On the 10th of February we will join the rest of the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day, thinking about online safety and how to have fun and be responsible when we're using the internet.
- We will take part in an online visit to the British Museum, Egyptian gallery
- Big bird watch
- Mental wellbeing week

Computing

- In Computing, the children will be introduced to early programming concepts by programming a floor robot! They will explore using individual commands, both with others and as part of a computer program.
- The children will identify what each robot command does and apply that knowledge to start predicting program outcomes.
- The final project will be children writing their own simple program for others to trial.

Music

Following the super Charanga scheme, in Music we are going to complete a unit of work called "Hands, Feet, Heart", celebrating South African music with singing and rhythm exercises.

PE

During gymnastics this half term, children will practise the skills of balance, agility and rolling while building their core strength.

Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural

- Our RE Topic is "Gospel". We will learn about the two parts of the Bible, and explore the questions "what is the good news that Jesus brings?" and "What do stories of Jesus tell Christians about how to live?"
- In PSHE our new Topic is "Being Healthy". We will explore what this means and why it is important. We will learn that food is necessary to keep our bodies healthy; name/describe different physical activities and identify ones we enjoy. We will explain how physical activity can help us to stay healthy and that sleep and relaxation are important for growing and keeping healthy.