

Autumn One in Year 3

Quests: Tomb Raiders and Bones



English

To start our writing journey we are using the excellent Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx! We will be learning how to write a suspenseful narrative using short snappy sentences and fronted adverbials. This writing will be shared with our Year 6 Reading Buddies.



We are reading...

Following this we will be using the book The story of Tutankhamun, along with our history knowledge to create a pack pile about the famous Pharaoh! We will consider formal language and a formal tone of voice.

RE

In RE our enquiry question is 'Does joining the Khalsa make someone a better Sikh?' We will explore the Amrit ceremony, the promises made, events of how the first Khalsa was formed, reasons why a Sikh may or may not choose to join the Khalsa, the meaning of the 5Ks and how they are important to Sikhs today.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will be

- Learning to read, write and represent numbers up to 1000
- Partition these numbers in 1s, 10s and 100s
- Find 1, 10 or 100 more or less
- We will use concrete and pictorial methods to add and subtract 3-digit numbers including crossing tens and one hundred.
- For the first time, the children will also be learning to do this using the column method!

Information

Homework is to read to an adult daily and record this in their records as well as practicing their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. This can be done on TTRS or through other ways like hit the button or card games.

PE is on a Monday and Thursday. With our active uniform children will not get changed and will do PE in what they are wearing.

We have an Egyptian day to celebrate our first quest. We will post on Seesaw the date once confirmed and some costume ideas. We will try to suggest some low cost ideas!

Art and DT

Art in this topic is very hands on as we will be making canopic jars out of clay. The children will learn about their use, their special decorations before designing and modelling their own.

In DT, the children will be exploring, designing, sewing and evaluating their own Egyptian necklaces using cross stitches. They will revisit their running stitch from Year 2 and use this to help them applique.



History

History forms the focus for our first learning Quest 'Tomb Raiders'. To kickstart this children will explore their own 'tomb' and raid it for artefacts. We will explore where Ancient Egypt was before considering why they settled by the river Nile and how they viewed this as a gift. We will look at the different deities and the importance of the pharaohs. The children will consider the use of the pyramids and the Ancient Egyptian writing. To finish our learning we will celebrate in an Egyptian day!

Science

As scientists, we will be exploring skeletons! This will be the focus for our second Learning Quest: Bones, Bodies and Brilliant Moves! Initially, we will be able to identify and name bones in the human body by using paperclips to create a moving paper skeleton! We will then discuss their various functions. We will explore the skeletons of different animals and later classifying them into vertebrates and invertebrates.

Music

As musicians we are going to focus on beat, rhythm, dance, singing and playing tuned instruments. We will learn dances from different countries and sing in their native language. The children will also create music using cups and glockenspiels. Music will be taught by Mrs Gray!



PE

This year we are lucky to have Mrs Sweeny teaching some of our PE!

For outdoor PE, we are looking forward to learning the skills linked to Cricket. The children will develop their aim, batting and bowling skills as well as their special awareness.

For indoor PE the children will be exploring movement through gymnastics looking at balances and the use of points of contact.

PSHCE

Our theme in PSHCE is 'Being in My World'. The children will recognise their worth and can identify positive things about themselves and learn how to face new challenges positively. They will learn why rules are needed, that their actions have consequences and how to make responsible choices.

Computing

In Computing, the children will be creating their own media through desktop publishing. For many, this may be their first time using a laptop and will learn how to login as well as find, open and save a document. Within the document, the children will format fonts, pictures and text to create a fact page about Egyptian gods.