

Lydgate Junior School

Curriculum Overview

Year 5 Autumn term 1

The theme for this half term is...

Ancient Egypt

English

We will begin by revising the writing skills that the children learnt in Y4. We will read the picture book *Varmints* by Helen Ward & Marc Craste and use this to inspire the children to write a letter to the characters to persuade them to make a different decision. After this, we will be using stories, videos and drama to write with a clear purpose. The children will write a diary entry using an informal style and an instructional text. Our class book will be *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll which links to our history topic. You can help at home by encouraging your child to read widely and as often as possible, and by checking their weekly homework with them.



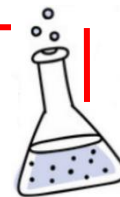
Maths

We will start with place value of numbers up to 1,000,000. The children will learn how large numbers are represented and will locate them on different number lines. They will round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000 and 10,000 and will learn to multiply and divide whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000. Following this, we will work on addition and subtraction. We will begin with mental calculation strategies then move on to formal written methods. You can help at home by continuing to practise times tables and encouraging them to complete their weekly homework.



Science

This term, our science sessions will focus on properties and changes of materials, including changes of state and reversible and irreversible changes. There will be lots of hands-on learning, including planning and carrying out investigations with solids, gases and liquids. The children will learn how to record their investigations and conclusions using scientific language.



History

Our geography topic focuses on ancient Egypt. The children will be looking at how we know about this ancient civilisation and will consider what the evidence that has survived tells us.

They will look at the significance of the river Nile, the social hierarchy and role of the Pharaoh, everyday life for men and women, religious beliefs and mummification. We will visit Weston Park Museum for a workshop looking at artefacts.



Religious Education

In RE, the children will be learning about Sikhism with a focus on the concept of the Guru, the Guru Granth Sahib, sewa (selfless service) and the story of Khalsa. We will be visiting a Sikh temple in Sheffield. The visit will be led by Mrs Kaur, a member of our staff.

Other Subjects

Computing – How search engines work, using the internet for research, spreadsheets
PE – indoor athletics, hockey
Music – listening to and performing Jazz
PSHE – Recap on Zones of Regulation and the three-part brain
Spanish – revision of language learned so far, my town



RRS

The children in Y5 will be revisiting what it means to be a Rights Respecting School and will learn some new language associated with the Rights of the Child. We will be looking at our Whole School Charter and will work on our own class charters to support this.

Linked to our class work, some of the articles we will focus on this term include:

Article 17 – reliable information from different sources,
Article 30 – language, customs and religion.



Art

We will be researching ancient Egyptian funerary masks. The children will start by looking at the proportions of the human face and they will make pencil sketches of faces. They will then look at the patterns on Egyptian masks before designing their own and making it using clay.



Enrichment Activities

Languages day – 26-9-25

Egyptian workshops at Weston Park Museum – 7,8,17-9-25

Visit to Sikh temple – 15-10-25

