King's Oak Primary School - Year 5 - Summer Term 2023 - 2024

The Year 5 Team:

Teachers: Mr Sargant, Mr Wilson

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Asjadi, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Smith



Theme: Ancient Egypt

As readers and writers we will be reading Secrets of the Sun King by Emma Carroll and Alma, an animation film by Rodrigo Blaas. This text and film will form the basis of all of our writing and comprehension for the term. We write detailed descriptions from the stories - with emphasis on expanded noun phrases. We will use this information to inform the writing we produce. We will write in a variety of text types from notes, persuasive letters and conditional sentence articles to diary entries. We will be learning to write formally and informally, vary our sentence structures to interest the reader, as well as writing persuasive phrases to demonstrate certainty. As readers we will be focusing on the vocabulary used by the authors and how to use it in the correct context. We will summarise the information we have read and ensure we can recall all of the important information in the correct order and infer and make predictions.

As geographers we will be understanding the link between River Nile, rivers around the world and our local river - River Thames. We will look at the features of a river and understand the purpose and use of it and develop our understanding of damming.

As scientists we will be finishing our unit on Living things and their habitats. We will learn about how plants reproduce sexualy and asexualy and the advantages and disadvantages of each. We will find out about significant scientists such as Jane Goodall and David Attenborough and their contributions to this area of science. We will then move onto Animals including humans. We will research the gestation periods of other animals and compare them with humans and find out and record the length and mass of a baby as it grows.

Every Week

Library: Thursday PE: Monday & Wednesday

Visit Dates:

British Museum 9th May Swimming;

We will be swimming at Coombe Hill Junior school on Friday afternoons. We are hoping to start on Friday 10th May but the dates are still to be confirmed.

Whole School Dates

Half-term: w/b 27th May

The Big Question: The children will generate questions that they want to find the answers to about Ancient Egypt. The questions will be informed by thinking about what they already know about ancient egypt. They will explore the chronology of Ancient Egypt and how pharaohs ruled Egypt for thousands of years and how society worked with their hierarchical system. We further understand that egyptians heavily focused on their afterlife. This learning will be enhanced with a trip to the British Museum on the 9th of May.

As historians we will be looking at Ancient civilisation in Egypt. We will locate ancient and modern day Egypt, look into the chronology, identify the importance of River Nile, understand the Ancient Egyptian social hierarchy, understand that pyramids are royal tombs, explore the egyptian Gods and the process of mummification.

As mathematicians we will be following the curriculum designed by the NCETM. We will be finishing our learning on factors and multiples by identifying common multiples and lowest common factors. We will be identifying all of the prime numbers under 100 and will be able to explain what makes a number prime. We will then move onto fractions looking at unit fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers, equivalent fractions and adding, taking away and multiplying fractions. We will just have enough time to finish with angles.

Across the curriculum:

As musicians we will be learning how to improvise, appreciate and compose our own musical compositions.

As artists we will be building on our sculpting skills by making a sarcophagus or canopic jar out of clay.

As computing specialists we will be planning and making our own comic strip explaining how to stay safe online.

As sports enthusiasts we are focusing on team building skills, swimming and tennis

As explorers of faiths and beliefs we will be learning about Islam and the 5 pillars.

Our PSHE curriculum will look at friendships and what we can do if we are not getting on. We then focus on the theme Changing me" looking at puberty and ahead to moving into Year 6.