



BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PART OF STOWE VALLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Buckingham Class Newsletter

Summer Term 2021

Key events to look forward to this term:

Year 6 leaving celebration (COVID safe)

English – Reading

Reading is a hugely important even if children are able readers. We like the children to read 5 times a week as it widens their vocabulary, informs their writing and is also hugely beneficial to mental wellbeing. When children begin a new book they must add it to their reading log and once they have completed a book, they must complete a book review. Our class novel, which we will read for pleasure, is 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. This is historical fiction novel based in Ancient Egypt. In our reading lessons, we will focus on the children's VIPERS skills by responding to texts through different question types, such as inferring and predicting.



Mrs Daly will continue to read the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar on Monday and Tuesdays. Further into the term, we will be reading the book 'Skellig' by David Almond a very moving book about a boy called Michael who has recently moved to a new house. The book explores different friendships and explores the possibility of the supernatural.

English – Writing, handwriting, grammar, punctuation, and spelling

This term, we will be looking at a variety of text types throughout the term from fiction to non-fiction, formal and informal. Our literacy work will be based around a fantastic novel called 'Can You See Me Now?' by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott.

We expect children in KS2 to use legible, joined writing in all their books and in upper KS2, recognise where a variety of punctuation is needed in their work. Every Friday, children will be given a new set of 10 spellings and be tested on the 10 words they were given the previous week. These spellings will be taken from the National Curriculum word list for year 5/6.

Maths

In maths we will continue to work on fractions, decimals and percentages so that the children are secure in these important areas. We will also be covering ratio, statistics and a geometry unit on the properties of shapes. Children will continue to practice their arithmetic skills each day to improve their speed and accuracy. There will also be daily opportunities for children to apply their mathematical knowledge to reasoning and problem solving.

In the last half term, there will be an exciting opportunity for Year 6 to work on 'real-life maths projects' in which they will applying their mathematical skills as well as planning and teamwork skills. Further details to follow.

Science

Year 6 will be learning all about evolution and inheritance. In this fascinating unit, children will learn about how different animals are adapted to their habitats and how this can change over time. We will look at the importance of fossils and learn about the work of Mary Anning. We will investigate the theory of evolution and the work of Charles Darwin. In addition to this, we will be thinking about how climate change will impact on the lives of animals today and any adaptations they might be making.

Year 5 will be learning all about materials – their different properties and how they can change.

In the last half term, both year groups will be learning about puberty and relationships. They will be taught about the physical and emotional changes that take place during puberty. Further details about this unit to follow.

Other Curriculum Subjects

Topic: Our topic for this term is the Awesome Egyptians! We are really looking forward to it and we hope you are too. From Mummies' to hieroglyphics, pyramids and pharaohs – there is so much to explore!

History: We will be looking at the history and the achievements of one of the earliest civilizations - the Ancient Egyptians. We will be looking at the architecture, ways of life, beliefs and key figures.

Geography: We will be studying the geography of Egypt – looking at its physical geography, including physical and human geography, from rivers and weather to settlements and tourism.

RE & PSHE: This term in RE, we shall be looking at what it means to be a Muslim today; looking at their beliefs, practises and routines.

PE: This term we will be covering Rounders and Athletics. PE is every Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Children may come in to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Art & Design: We will be making Canopy Jars and sewing our own organs to go inside! The children will pin, sew and stitch materials together create body organs, enabling them to achieve a quality product that the Horrible Histories cast would be proud of!

Design & Technology: The children will be creating a clay Cartouche! They will select appropriate tools, materials, components and techniques for clay work and ensure they use tools safely and accurately. We shall make modifications as they go along and evaluate their own and others final Cartouche creation.

Music: We will be learning and rehearsing songs for a special assembly at the end of term

Computing: Children will be learning how to use spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel. They will collect and record data and use simple formulas to manipulate their data. They will use Microsoft PowerPoint to produce a multimedia presentation about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

Homework

Spellings – tested on each **Friday** and new set given out following the test

English – given out on **Tuesdays**, to be handed in by the following **Monday**

Maths – given out on **Thursdays**, to be handed in on the following **Wednesday**. We also recommend that children use their TimesTable Rockstars profile at least once a week.

Reading – the children should **read at home 5 times a week**, it is also important that they have expressive reading modelled to them, for example during a bedtime story.

We do hope that your child enjoys their last term of this academic year with us. If you do have any worries or concerns, please feel free to speak to one of us quickly, about any matter, however small.

Mrs. Daly, Miss Hobbins and Mrs. Wines