



Eagles' Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2017

English 	Our Literacy work this term will be centred around high quality texts and our topic work. We will be starting the year reading and responding to 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. During the term we will be working on a newspaper report about a robbery at Cairo Museum as well composing a persuasive tourist leaflet, balanced arguments on discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamen and a tension filled horror story set in an Egyptian tomb... beware the mummy!
Maths 	Each day the children will take part in a daily Mathematics session. During and after each session the children's understanding will be assessed in order to ensure that they are appropriately supported or extended in their learning. We will be focusing on ensuring that the children are fluent and confident in their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills and that they can apply this knowledge to accurately solve problems and undertake investigations. Each week the children will continue to work on their mental maths skills to keep their skills sharp and to allow us to identify areas which need to be recapped either individually or as a class.
Science 	This term we will be focusing on the human circulatory system. We will be investigating the purpose of our heart, veins and arteries; we will also be looking at the importance, composition and purpose of blood. We will be learning how the circulatory system works and what can affect it, for example the effects of exercise, drugs, diet and lifestyle on the working of the heart. We will be planning and carrying out our own experiments to see how exercise affects our body and learning how to adopt a healthier lifestyle.
Computing 	This term we will be learning how computer networks work and about the difference between the world wide web and the internet. We will look at our knowledge of copyright laws and become more discerning when selecting internet resources. We will also keep working on our E-Safety skills, ensuring we know what to do if we are to find information online which worries or upsets us.
Geography and History 	This term we will be going on an Egyptian Adventure. We will be heading to Egypt, plotting our routes and discovering the countries we will be passing over. After exploring Cairo and the museum, we will embark on a cruise down the Nile, learning about life in modern and Ancient Egypt as we go. Don't forget your sun cream! Thank you for the home learning completed over the Summer break, if you have any further resources from trips such as Egyptian coins, photographs or mementoes we would love to see them.
Art & Design Technology 	Our art work will come from our topic work and we will be painting Egyptian scenes using perspective; looking at foreground and background. We will be using clay to produce canopic jars or Egyptian God heads. We will also be improving our sketching skills by producing detailed sketches of some of the artefacts we 'see' in the Cairo Museum. Inspired by the amazing furniture found within the tomb of Tutankhamen our DT project will be to design furniture for a chosen fictional character. The children will consider the needs of the user and will produce a variety of designs which they will then evaluate. The children will make up prototypes of their designs before finally making high quality models.

Music 	<p>This term we will be looking at rock music and the song, 'Don't stop believin' by Journey. We will learn how to accompany it with instruments. After half term we will listen to a range of Christmas music, both religious and popular and will be looking at the main themes and similarities within these.</p>
 PSHE	<p>Our PHSE work this term is linked to Beginning and Belonging, where we look at being part of a team and conflict resolution. We will be discussing how conflict makes us feel and how it affects our behaviour. We will also be thinking about what causes conflict and how we can identify what the real issues are. We will then be looking at how we can best resolve our issues.</p>
Physical Education 	<p>This term during our outside PE sessions we will be developing our tag rugby skills building up to playing small matches.. During our inside PE sessions we will continue to work on our gymnastic skills using both the small and large apparatus, developing sequences and fine tuning movements before moving onto some Egyptian inspired dances.</p>
Religious Education 	<p>This term we will be thinking about what it means to be a Christian and looking at Christianity in Vellore. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between Christian groups around the globe and at the work of missionaries.</p>
MFL 	<p>This term we will be continuing our German. We shall be looking at birthdays, numbers, the weather, seasons and months and being able to have a conversation about ourselves.</p>
Other Information	<p>We are passionate about helping your child to develop a lifelong love of reading. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and to discuss their reading with you, especially any vocabulary they are unfamiliar with. It is also great for children to share the books they have enjoyed with the class, so please bring your favourite books in so we can encourage others to read them.</p>

Finally... If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.
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