



YEAR 2/3 WHITEBEAM CLASS

AUTUMN 1 2025

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

This half term our curriculum theme is geography based and our enquiry question is 'How is Egypt different to the UK?'



ENGLISH - WRITING

In writing lessons the children will be writing a description about a desert; planning and writing an information text about Egypt and writing instructions on how to play Senet. They will continue to learn different spelling patterns along with grammar and punctuation.



ENGLISH - READING

During this half term, the children will continue to read a variety of texts and analyse them using the VIPERS skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising. This will include different fiction and non-fiction texts. The children will also listen to a range of class novels.



MATHEMATICS

Working within their year group level, the initial focus this half term is on place value followed by addition and subtraction. Alongside these lessons the children will be involved in reasoning and problem solving activities and will explore shape and measures.



GEOGRAPHY

This half term we will be learning to name the continents and locate the equator and Egypt on a map. We will explore which countries border Egypt and the significance of the River Nile. We will also compare London and Cairo looking for similarities and differences.



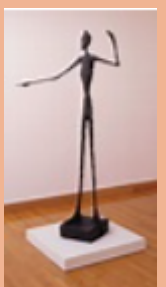
SCIENCE

This half term we will be learning about rocks. The children will be taught to compare and group different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance & simple physical properties. They will also learn to describe how fossils and soils are formed.



ART

This half term the focus is on sculpture and the children will learn about the life and art of Alberto Giacometti. They will explore using wire frames and will learn to add clay to create their own sculpture in the style of Giacometti.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This half term our enquiry question is: 'Why is light an important symbol for Christians, Jews and Hindus?' The children will explore what happens during Diwali, Hanukkah and a Christingle service,



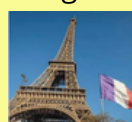
COMPUTING

The children will be learning about IT around them.



FRENCH

The children will be learning about phonics and pronunciation.



PSHE

The focus this half term is Being me in my world.



Music

The children will continue to appraise different genres of music and will develop their skills in performance and composition as they play the ukuleles.

