



# YEAR 2/3 WHITEBEAM CLASS

## AUTUMN 2 2025

### CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

This half term our curriculum theme is history based and our enquiry question is 'Why should we learn about Ancient Egypt?'



#### ENGLISH - WRITING

In writing lessons the children will be writing a diary entry based on the discovery of Tutankhamun and a biography about Howard Carter. They will continue to learn different spelling patterns along with grammar and punctuation.



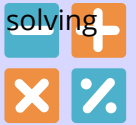
#### ENGLISH - READING

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, non-fiction and poetry 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 addition and subtraction followed by multiplication and division. Alongside these lessons the children will be involved in reasoning and problem solving activities and will explore shape and measures.



#### HISTORY

This half term we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. The children will explore the achievements of the main pharaohs; the significance of finding Tutankhamun; the social hierarchy of Egypt; what we can learn from artefacts and explore the main achievements of writing, medicine and building.



#### SCIENCE

This half term we will be learning about animals including humans. The children will learn about what a balanced diet looks like; the effects of a high sugar diet on the body; how nutrients are carried around the body and the function of skeletons and muscles.



#### DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This half term the focus is on mechanisms in DT. The children will explore how pneumatic systems create movement within mechanisms. They will draw, design, make and evaluate a pneumatic toy.



#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This half term our enquiry question is: 'What does the Nativity story teach Christians about Jesus? They will retell the Nativity story and explore how the church and Christians get ready for Christmas.



#### COMPUTING

The children will be learning about Digital Photography.



#### FRENCH

The children will be learning about the four seasons.



#### PSHE

The focus this half term is Celebrating Difference and will include looking at stereotypes, bullying and diversity.



#### 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.

