



Owls Class Curriculum Overview — Term 3

Ancient Egypt

English—

This term Owls will be reading Emma Carroll's ***Secrets of a Sun King***. Carroll's style reminds me of Michael Morpurgo: she is very gifted at building twists and turns into her writing. This book is a classic adventure book and deals with a number of issues: exploration, loss/bereavement, class, race (to name a few). We will use this book to consolidate pupils' understanding of a number of the Year 5-6 English Curriculum objectives too. We will cover the following:

- ⇒ Switching formality: writing fact-files & monologues
- ⇒ Using the passive/active voice correctly
- ⇒ Using a range of punctuation such as semi-colons/colons

Maths—

Owls will focus on understanding **Fractions** at the beginning this term. We will then use our knowledge of fractions to help us recognise decimal/percentage equivalents e.g. $0.25 = \frac{1}{4} = 25\%$.

We will cover the following curriculum objectives:

- ⇒ Compare and order fractions
- ⇒ Simplify fractions
- ⇒ Recognise improper/mixed unit fractions
- ⇒ Add/subtract fractions
- ⇒ Multiply fractions
- ⇒ Convert from fractions to decimals (and vice versa)

RE—

The name of our RE unit this term is **People of God**. We will consider how Christians believe following God brings freedom and justice. To achieve this, we will explore the Plagues of Egypt and the Ten Commandments (the former linking well with our Ancient Egyptians topic).



Science—

Our pupils will be learning about **Friction** this term in Science. Pupils will: understand what is meant by the term 'friction'; test how friction manifests in the world around us; and experiment changing friction to increase/decrease speed. We will link this with our topic of Ancient Egypt by looking at how slaves transported bricks to create the Great Pyramids at Giza.

PE—

We will be developing our skills in **Gymnastics** this term. Every Wednesday Owls will be developing their balancing and core strength using the wall bars and yoga mats with Mr Munnery. Every morning we will also undertake the daily mile at 08.40am.

PSHE—

Our topic this term is **Dreams and Goals**. This topic involves encouraging children to articulate where they see themselves in: a years' time, 10 years' time (and so on). We will discuss what's necessary to achieve these goals, and will focus on skills such as persistence/grit.

History—

We will be examining the history and chronology of **Ancient Egypt** in History this term. We will study key aspects of Ancient Egyptian life such as gods, customs, foods and artefacts while placing key dates on a timeline in chronological order. We will be analysing source material from the period to hone historical analysis skills also.

Computing—

On February 5th it is Internet Safety Day and we will continue to consolidate our understanding of how to be safe online. Moreover, we will continue to hone our **Coding** skills. Particularly, we will complete our maze games and will seek to better understand how to fix bugs/problems in a script of code.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic this term is **Ancient Egypt**. We will use our English text **Secrets of a Sun King** to explore this topic in great detail. We will study Ancient Egyptian gods, foods, customs, artefacts (and much more!).

As ever, if you would like to explore the topics we are covering when at home, I invite you to take a look at our class blog visit it directly at <http://plumptonowls.wordpress.com>.

Thank you all for continuing to support your child at home by:

- A) reading daily (to become a Reading Star)
- B) choosing a task from the homework grid
- C) Logging onto MyMaths and completing a Maths challenge

Key Dates and information:

January 2019	
Wednesday 2 nd	INSET Day – school closed
Thursday 3 rd	Term 3 starts
Tuesday 8 th	Year 3 Forest School begins
Thursday 10 th	Year 4 Forest School begins
Thursday 10 th	Clarinet lessons recommence
February 2019	
Tuesday 5 th	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 7 th	Owls Class Assembly
Thursday 14 th	Kingfisher Class Assembly
Friday 15 th	Last day of Term 3
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd	February Half-Term Holiday
Monday 25 th	Term 4 starts
March 2019	
Friday 1 st	Woodpecker Class Assembly
Thursday 7 th	Robin Class Assembly

Many thanks,

Mr J Hughes and Mrs E Matheson

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Year 5/6

Parents' Information