

English

Focus: Narrative - Mini Rabbit Not Lost by John Bond
In this unit we consolidate use of story shapes (fall-rise; slow rise and slow fall) to help guide the plot structure. We look at story openings and explore how they usually open with either: action, description of setting or character. Finally, we discuss story endings and how they can end with a moral message, happy ending, surprise or cliff-hanger.

Focus: Poetry - Words Are Ours by Michael Rosen & The Magic Box by Kit Wright
We explore poems that are written as free verse, meaning that they will have lines of any length (from a single word to much longer) and do not have a rhyme scheme or specific rhythm.

Spellings will be sent home every week – these will consist of a mix of LKS2 words, spelling patterns and topic-specific vocabulary. Please make sure the children practice ready for their test in class each week.

HW expectation for reading is x5 signatures in your child's reading record each week. These can be schoolbooks, library books, cartoons, the newspaper...anything!

Science

Focus: Animals – Movement and Nutrition

Studying the human skeleton, children identify key bones and explore how muscle changes result in movement. They learn about how the body uses energy, what constitutes a balanced diet in humans and how research contributes to nutritionist expertise.

PSHE

Theme: Keeping / Staying Safe

Through the 1Decision programme, the children will explore how to stay safe by specifically focusing on identifying safe and unsafe risks, exploring trusted adults, and the potential dangers we might face at home (e.g. Heights and leaning out of windows).

Maths

Focus: Number - Place Value

- Represent and partition numbers up to 100/1,000
- Finding 1, 10, 100 more or less than a given number
- Estimating using a number line
- Compare and order numbers to 1,000
- Counting in 50s

Focus: Number – Addition and Subtraction

- Add and subtract 1s, 10s, 100s across 10s/100s
- Add and subtract two numbers (no exchange), across 10/100
- Add 2-digit and 3-digit numbers
- Subtract a 2-digit number from a 3-digit number



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Computing

Focus:

- **Coding:** Learning how to plan a program using commands.

DT

Focus: Textiles – Egyptian Collars

Pupils will be able to:

- Use cross-stitch as a decorative feature
- Develop applique designs
- Design, cut and shape their template for a collar
- Decorate their Egyptian collar using a variety of techniques
- Use running stitch
- Recognise different qualities and types of fabric

RE

Focus:

- **Homes** – Throughout this unit we look at families. For Christians the pattern and ideal of family life is found in Scripture. We explore God as the loving parent of the human family.
- **Promises** – We discuss how our lives are marked by different experiences of being welcomed. Christians believe everyone is invited to share in the life and work of God through Baptism.

History

Focus: What was important to ancient Egyptians?

Pupils who are secure at the end of this unit will be able to:

- Identify where and when ancient civilisations first appeared.
- Ask historically valid questions about sources.
- Identify Ancient Egypt's location and its key geographical features.
- Explain why the River Nile was important to ancient Egyptians.
- Explain the significance of the Rosetta Stone.
- Explain the importance of gods and goddesses to people in ancient Egypt.
- Analyse mummification's connection to ancient Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife.
- Decide what was important to people in Ancient Egypt.

PE

• **Focus:** Tag Rugby

It develops skills like running, jumping, throwing, and catching, as well as requiring players to work together to score, which can help children learn to cooperate and function as part of a team.

Reminder: Correct PE kits must be worn on **Friday**.