

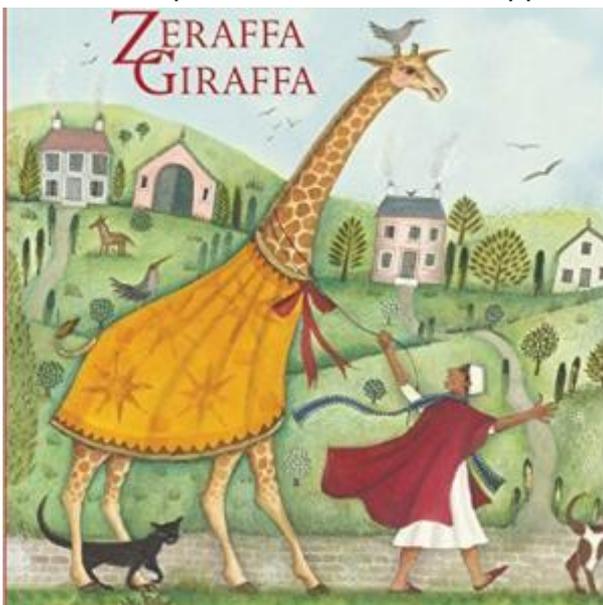
Term 2 Pharaohs

Whale and Octopus



This term will start off with learning about the discovery of King Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter in 1922, and the mystery of the 'mummies curse.' Children will research and create art work inspired by the artefacts found within the tomb and will later learn about the mummification process.

In English we are focusing on a book inspired by the true story of a giraffe sent as a gift to the King of France by the Great Pasha of Egypt in the 1820s. The exquisitely composed pictures show the different stages of the journey made by Zeraffa, accompanied by her keeper, the young boy Atir. They travel downriver in a felucca 'to the place where the sea sipped up to the Nile' and cross the sea under a star-filled sky.



On arrival in Marseilles, it becomes apparent that the only practical way to get Zeraffa to her destination is to walk the 550 miles to Paris where she becomes much admired and inspires some extraordinary fashions. The story ends on a note of connectedness between Europe and Africa. This beautiful book will form the basis of the children's exploration of the landscapes, cultures and environments through which Zeraffa passes and map out her journey.

During Maths we will look at a variety of concepts including doubling and halving numbers, negative numbers, measure,

subtraction and angles.

Science lessons will explore friction and the methods of the ancient Egyptians – how did they make the pyramids? Also, the use of mechanisms, including pulleys - What is a shaduf and how did it work?

Physical education:

During Term 1 and 2 on a Friday Octopus class will be swimming at Hundred of Hoo Swimming Pool and Whale class will be Trampolining, at Jumpers Rebound Centre. These sessions will run from Friday 3rd November to the 15th December 2017.

PE will take place in school on a Tuesday and Beam activities on Mondays for Octopus and Wednesdays for Whale.

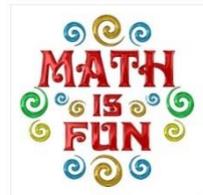
Please ensure that students have the necessary equipment to support them in their activities.

Forest school will be alternate afternoons for Octopus and Whale, with Whale having the first session on Monday 6th November. Please ensure your child has warm clothing for these sessions.

Homework: Children will have the Family Learning Projects to complete, but our focus is reading, with a target of 10 minutes reading at home at least 3 times a week, please support your child with this. Well Dones will be given for every book completed.

Maths:

Children need to do some maths every day. Take opportunities at home to get them involved i.e. weighing things in the kitchen, counting out change and checking the time. The new maths curriculum requires children to learn up to the 12 times table, so any practise with this would be great!



Useful websites to support your child's learning this Term:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Egypt.html>

<http://egypt.mrdonn.org/games.html>

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/kids/games-quizzes/egypt-mummies/>



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