Cookham Rise Primary School

Oak class
Summer Term

English
As readers and writers, we will study the following texts: 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' and 'How to live forever'. We will be writing mystery setting descriptions, captions and titles, a mystery narrative, lost posters, character descriptions, instructions and letters of warning.

Geography
As geographers, we will be investigating the question 'Are all settlements the same?'. We will be investigating this through identifying different types of settlements, identifying human and physical features of the local area and describing how land use in our local area has changed over time.

History
As historians, we will be investigating the question 'What did the Egyptians believe?'. We will be investigating the timeline of ancient civilizations, discovering ancient Egyptian beliefs such as gods and goddesses and learning about the pyramids.

Science
As Scientists, we will be learning about the key parts of a plant and their functions, the life cycle of a plant, and what makes a healthy plant. We will investigate how plants transport water to different parts. In term 6 we will be using our scientific enquiry skills to find out if hand span affects grip strength.

Opportunities, creativity and community
This term, Oak 3 will have the opportunity to take part in sports day, a walk to Copas Farms to pick seasonal vegetables, a trip to Ufton Court to study Ancient Egyptians and a walk around Cookham for our geography unit on settlements. The class will also have the opportunity to visit Neasden Temple in June.

Art - As artists, we will be using cloth, thread and paint to create a piece of art inspired by our history topic on the Egyptians. Children will practice colour blending with paints before creating a background that they will sew on top of.

Computing - As computer scientists, we will be creating video trailers and developing data handling using online databases such as excel.

DT - As technologists, we will be looking at cooking and nutrition with a specific focus on eating seasonally. We will look at where food comes from around the world, taste some seasonal ingredients and make a seasonal tart.

French - As French speakers, we will begin looking at French words for different school equipment. We will then move on to our topic of 'Circle of Life' will teach us animal names. We will begin to construct short sentences to describe where animals live and what they eat.

Life skills - As citizens, we will be learning about our role and rights in society, economic well-being and a focus on transitioning to the next year group.

Music - As musicians, we will be focusing on improvising. Using two great pieces, Three Note Bossa and Five Note Swing, we will learn to play the pieces using ocarinas and then explore improvising with the repertoire. We will also be looking at a BBC Ten Pieces by Cassie Kinoshi – The Colour of All Things Constant.

PE - As athletes, we will be learning skills to help us in golf and cricket. Another part of the term will be spent developing skills in yoga and we will also develop our athletics skills ready for sports day.

RE - As theologians, we will be investigating why water is symbolic in different religions and how fire is used ceremonially.