

## Bolton-le-Sands C of E Primary School CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the spring term edition of the Curriculum Newsletter.

This term, the key concepts that we will focus on are: Legacy and Achievement, Worship and Leadership and Childhood.

Our main theme this term is:



**Our Key Enquiry Question is:** Why is the River Nile so important?

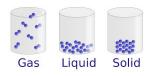
As **writers**, we will be exploring the text 'Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll' by Scott Peters, as well as Howard Carter's diary and 'I was there' by Sue Reid. These texts will allow the children to learn more about the Ancient Egyptians through diary, recount and mystery writing.

As **geographers**, we will be exploring features of the River Nile and its importance to Egyptians past and present. This will be supported by our **Design and Technology** learning through the creation of a 'shaduf'. As **historians**, we will be looking at the daily lives of Ancient Egyptians, rich and poor. As **artists**, we will be studying the contemporary Egyptian artist, Hossam Dirar, with a focus on hieroglyphics and Egyptian scrolls.

In **RE**, the children will be looking at Jesus, the Man who changed Lives and Easter within the concepts of betrayal and trust.

In **maths**, children will be learning about multiplication and division, length, perimeter and area, fractions, decimals and mass and capacity.

In **science**, we will be investigating states of matter, solids liquids and gases, the water cycle and light.





In **music**, we will be looking at Dynamics, Texture and the Harmonic Minor Scale, through Egyptian-style music. This will be followed by poetry within music with a focus on performing.

On Tuesday children will be swimming. This term, the children are doing their water safety. Please ensure the children have shorts and a t-shirt/pyjamas in their swimming bags along with their swimming costume and towel. Please remind yourselves of the letter previously issued.

**PE** will be on Thursdays; the children will be learning skills in gymnastics and net and wall ball games. Children must have a named school PE kit (plain shorts, blue t-shirt and pumps) in school everyday. Trainers and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE are also advised. Your child must be able to remove their own earrings for PE, otherwise they need to be taken out at home before coming into school.

Our theme for **PSHE** this term will be 'Keeping Myself Safe' and 'Rights and Responsibilities'.

## How can I help at home?

Reading books will be changed as frequently as possible. Please spend time, little and often, ideally daily, reading with your child. Children in KS2 are expected to write their own reading review in their Reading Records once they have finished their books.

Spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday, to be practised at home and tested the following Tuesday.

Homework will continue to be sent out each Friday and be due in the following Friday. Children are expected to learn their spellings, read regularly, complete homework weekly and practice their times tables (children have access to TT Rockstars to practise these).

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support.

