



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Valehouse Pentecost I Newsletter

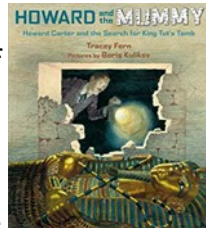
Welcome back Valehouse, I hope you have enjoyed your Easter break!

English

During this half term, we will be exploring the following genres and texts

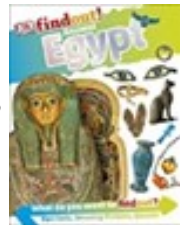
Letter Recounts

As we learn about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter, we will write as Howard and write letters to tell our friends about all the wonderful things we have discovered.



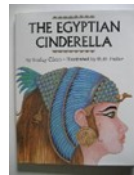
Instruction Texts

Just how do you mummify a body? We will be writing as experienced embalmers for a young apprentice



Narrative Writing

Valehouse will be using this Egyptian Cinderella to help us reimagine traditional tales from an ancient Egyptian perspective!



History

This half term we're exploring the question "How can we recreate the wonder of Ancient Egypt?" and we will -

- Know when the Ancient Egyptian civilisation existed.
- Know how Ancient Egyptian society was ordered.
- Know the importance of Egyptian writing and what hieroglyphs are.
- Know how mummification worked and why it was done.
- Know how to compare the Pyramids with sites like Stonehenge and Skara Brae

Maths

Using White Rose Maths, we will be covering the following areas of learning;

Year Three

Fractions

- Understand the denominators of unit fractions and numerators of non-unit fractions
- Compare and order unit fractions and non-unit fractions
- Understand the whole
- Fractions and scales
- Fractions on a number line
- Count in fractions on a number line
- Equivalent fractions on a number line and as bar models
- Add and subtract fractions
- Partition the whole
- Unit and non-unit fractions of a set of objects
- Reasoning with fractions of an amount

Money

- Pounds and pence
- Convert pounds and pence
- Add, subtract and give change with money

Year Four

Fractions

- Understand the whole
- Count beyond 1
- Partition a mixed number
- Number lines with mixed numbers
- Compare and order mixed numbers
- Understand improper fractions
- Convert mixed numbers to improper fractions
- Convert improper fractions to mixed numbers
- Equivalent fractions
- Add fractions and mixed numbers
- Subtract fractions from mixed and whole numbers

Decimals

- Tenths as fractions and decimals, on place value chart
- Divide a 1 or 2 digit number by 10
- Hundredths as fractions and decimals
- Divide a 1 or 2 digit number by 100

RE

New Life

During this topic, we will be thinking on the question of "What's so important about New Life?" We will be looking at how on the day of Pentecost the Apostles spoke to the gathered people in the power of the Spirit. St. Paul continued this work and we continue it today.

Building Bridges

Why are bridge-builders important in life? In order for bridges to be built, a person has to acknowledge wrongdoing, so as to be reconciled to others and to God. This can be formally celebrated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation which we will learn about during this topic.

Hinduism

Valehouse will be learning about the special books of the Hindu faith and how they search for truth through their stories and sacred writings to guide their lives.



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Science

Valehouse will be exploring two questions in science this half; 'How far can I throw my shadow' and 'Why is the music by Ed Sheeran loved by so many?'

Year Three - Light

During this topic, the children will

- Know that they need light in order to see things.
- Know that dark is the absence of light.
- Know that light is reflected from surfaces
- Know that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes
- Know that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object
- Know how that the size and shape of shadows change

Year Four - Sound

During this topic, the children will

- Know how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- Know that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear
- Know the correlation between pitch and features of the object that produced the sound.
- Know the correlation between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it
- Know that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases

Guided Reading

The Accidental Prime Minister

When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world!

Before long, people are calling for the current leader to resign and give someone else a go . . .

and that's how an ordinary boy like Joe ended up with the most extraordinary job.

Now the fun can really start . . . Hats for cats! Pet pigs for all! Banana shaped buses! Swimming pools on trains! A hilarious story of one boy's meteoric rise to power!



How can you help?

This half term, the children in Valehouse will have Tameside Active on **Mondays**, so will need to be wearing their full PE kit, and we will continue to have swimming lessons on **Fridays**.

Reading Diaries and reading books need to be brought into school every day, and we ask that care is taken that they are kept in a good, clean condition ready for another pupil to use. Please read with your child daily and sign their diary.

Homework is set on a Monday and is due the following Monday. Please ensure work is completed neatly and stuck in.

Spellings are tested on a Friday, and a new list is given out on Fridays. Spellings can be accessed on Spelling Shed and the children's logins are in their reading diary.

Spelling Shed/Maths Shed - please ensure your child is accessing these regularly at home. It will help to embed their spellings and improve fluency particularly with times tables.