

Y3: Does our culture influence our actions?



Impact

By the end of this unit children will...

By the end of this unit children will know about the past and how people once lived. They will explore a different culture and look at the reasons behind some of their actions. Children will understand how through time, some people have not changed their actions. The children will investigate how light was used by Ancient Egyptians in everyday tasks. They will discuss the achievements of the earliest civilizations, the children will look into the Egyptian way of life, their beliefs, attitude and the difference in life between the rich and the poor.

Intent

... it is our vision that our children will become advocates for social justice, fighters for sustainability, seekers of equality and leaders seeking to become "builders of a new humanity" (Pope Francis).

Through the delivery of this unit of work children will develop an understanding for God's creation. They will develop an understanding that each person in God's creation is unique and beautiful. We are called to treat every person and every creature with loving respect.

Building the Kingdom

Big Question: Does our culture influence our actions?

Further questions to explore during this unit:

How was the Nile used for transport?

What does art tell us about life in the past?

How was light used in ancient Egypt?

Catholic Social Teaching

Care for creation

"Creation is a gift, a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we use it for the benefit of all, always with respect and gratitude." Pope Francis

Dignity in work

Catholic social teaching holds that work is dignified and workers are respected and valued. Jesus became "like us in all things, devoted most of the years of his life on earth to manual work at the carpenters bench."

Saint John Paul II - Laborem Exercens, On Human

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Core Subjects

Religious Education

Christmas

In this unit the story of the shepherds provides a focus for children to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and who he is.

Reconciliation

This unit involves the children exploring human choices, the consequences of sin, Christ's teaching on forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Maths

Multiplication and Division

Be able to divide and multiply sufficiently.
Learn different strategies to assist in multiplication and division problems.

Measurement - Money

Children will be learn how to count in pounds and pence and will be given the opportunity to convert between pounds and pence.

English

Diary entry of Emily Sands

The children will be writing a diary entry using information the **Egyptology**: Search for the Tomb of Osiris. They will learn:

- To use a variety of suffix endings.
- To extend sentences using conjunctions.
- To use commas after fronted adverbials.

Science

Light

Children will gain an understanding of the meaning of light and dark. They will learn about light reflections and shadows and the different sources of light which we have and which we need to see. They will gain an understanding of different surfaces; opaque, translucent and transparent and the impact this has upon light. They will also be given the opportunity to learn about how suns light can be dangerous to their eyes and how they can prevent this damage.

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Foundation Subjects

History and Geography

History

Children will explore the achievements of the earliest civilizations, gaining an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared. They will look into the culture, way of life, beliefs, attitude and the differences between the rich and poor in ancient Egypt.

Geography

Children will explore the points of a compass to build their knowledge of the wider world. They will also use maps and atlases to locate countries and describe features studies.

Art and Design and Design Technology

Design Technology

Children will be designing their own Egyptian death masks.

Children will improve their mastery of art and DT including drawing and painting. The children will make initial sketches, plan and develop ideas making choices about shape, form, model and construct masks.

Computing

Presentation Skills

Select, use and combine a variety of software, including the Internet services, on a range of devices to design and create a range of programs, systems and content that accomplish given goals, including collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting given data and information.

Music

Children will listen music from this time period and compare them to the music they hear today. The children will appreciate and understand a wide range of high quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions, composers and musicians.

Physical Education

Tag Rugby

In this unit pupils will build on the fundamental skills required to perform in competitive games. Pupils are encouraged to think about how to use core skills, strategies and tactics to outwit the opposition.

Indoor Athletics

In this Athletics unit, children will have the opportunity to develop their existing running, jumping and throwing skills. They will be learning about an effective sprint technique including sprinting over obstacles and they will be given opportunities to learn and use a variety of throwing techniques.

PHSE

Created and Loved by God

Explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.