GREENHAVEN KS2

# CURRICULUM NEWS



## WHAT ARE WE DOING AT SCHOOL THIS TERM?

**English**

This term, children will explore a range of exciting texts including Flood, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and The Tunnel by Anthony Browne, as well as poetry. These texts will provide opportunities for children to develop their reading comprehension, vocabulary and creative writing skills. We will continue to develop sentence structure, punctuation and grammar through our writing, with teaching targeted towards individual areas for development.

**Maths**

In maths, children will develop their understanding of place value, before moving on to addition and subtraction and then multiplication and division. Practical activities, problem-solving and visual representations will help children develop their mathematical reasoning and confidence. Daily arithmetic, mental strategies and times-table practice will continue to build fluency and number sense.

**Science – Animals and Their Habitats**

Children will investigate animals and their habitats, including how our bodies move and how our skeletons and muscles work. They will compare different animal skeletons and explore how the movement of joints can affect our bodies. Children will also learn about vitamins and the foods that help us stay healthy, developing their scientific enquiry skills through practical investigations and observations.

**History – Ancient Egypt**

Our history topic will take children back thousands of years to explore Ancient Egypt. They will investigate what life was like by examining artefacts, learn about mummification and explore the beliefs surrounding different Egyptian gods. Children will also discover how historians use different sources to build our understanding of the past and compare ancient Egyptian writing with writing today.

**Geography – All Around the World**

In geography, children will develop their understanding of our world and its key geographical features. They will locate continents and oceans and explore the Equator, Tropics, Polar Circles and hemispheres. Children will also learn about longitude, the Prime Meridian and time zones, developing their ability to use maps, globes and geographical vocabulary to understand our world.

**Art**

Our art learning will be inspired by the work of David Hockney. Children will explore tertiary colours, perspective and the idea of foreground and background. They will experiment with washes, sketching and pastels while developing their understanding of facial features and detail before creating their own layered self-portraits.

**RE – Diwali**

In RE, children will learn about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. They will explore the ideas of good and evil and learn how Hindus remember these themes through the story and celebrations of Diwali. Children will also consider their own responses to ideas about good and evil and how our choices can affect ourselves and others.

**PSHE – Me and My Relationships**

Our PSHE learning will focus on relationships and working positively with others. Children will explore rules, looking after special people, solving problems, friendship and teamwork. Through practical activities and discussions, they will develop their communication, resilience and problem-solving skills while thinking about how their actions affect other people.

**French – Discover France and Its Culture**

Children will begin developing their French communication skills by learning how to greet others, introduce themselves and ask how someone is feeling. They will also learn and respond to classroom instructions, developing their listening, speaking, reading and pronunciation skills through practical games and activities.

**Music – Castles**

Music this term will have a castles theme. Children will develop their ability to perform as part of an ensemble, maintaining a rhythmic pattern and creating their own rhythms. They will explore musical theatre, singing and instrumental improvisation, building confidence in performing and working together.

**Personal Development**

Across the curriculum, children will continue to develop our Green Haven personal development strands of boundaries, resilience, self-regulation, respect, focus and independence. These skills will be reinforced through classroom routines, practical activities, group work and opportunities to make choices and solve problems independently.

## AT HOME YOUR CHILD COULD...

- Become an Egyptian explorer: Find out about Ancient Egypt together. Look at pictures of pyramids, Egyptian gods or hieroglyphics and see if your child can spot some interesting facts.
- World map challenge: Use a globe or map to find different continents and oceans. Can your child find the Equator, Northern and Southern Hemispheres or the Prime Meridian?
- Move and learn: Practise times tables through games, songs or quick-fire questions, then get active with running, jumping, balancing or skipping challenges.

## AS A FAMILY YOU MIGHT LIKE TO...

- Egyptian afternoon: Make your own Egyptian-style patterns or hieroglyphics using paper and pens. You could even create a family name using your own invented symbols.
- Explore your world: Choose a country on a map and discover three things about it. Find out what time it is there, what the weather is like and how far away it is.
- Build something together: Use cardboard, Lego or recycled materials to create a moving toy or model. Can you include a lever or linkage so that something moves?