



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Year 3 Rationale

Spring 1st Half Term



Why did Ancient Egyptians build pyramids?

The Egyptians left their mark on the world as an ancient civilisation and this will provide an ideal opportunity for class discussion. We know a lot of information about their society through archaeological artefacts and from their writing that has survived thousands of years. The children will have the opportunity to talk about and identify important objects or writing that we might leave for future generations. They will be encouraged to think about the legacy that they might leave behind. How can they make sure it will be a positive one?

The pyramids were obviously very important to the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians. During their construction many people were employed or made to work over a long period of time. In our classes and in our school we aim to ensure equality for all. Learning about Ancient Egyptian society will enable the children to reflect on whether it was a fair and equal way of life for everyone. Just as in our modern life we are all talented in different areas, during the construction of the pyramids many skilled craftspeople, engineers and mathematicians were needed. Perseverance and teamwork were key to the successful completion of these buildings just as these skills are important to the children both as learners and members of our school community now.

The focus for our upcoming Art Week focuses on The Holy Family. The children will have the opportunity to study the work of Jacqui Miller. Her depictions of people that have both light and dark skin tones depicted in the same figure will give the learners the opportunity to discuss how this links with our ideas of fairness and equality.