



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. 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 is Art in the Community. This links to our Mission Song where we sing about offering our "gifts to people we don't know". Using pattern and colour, the children will have the opportunity to design and create a collaborative piece, which we hope will be gifted to the Shah Jahan Mosque with whom we have an excellent relationship.