

## Etal Class Overview – Spring 1 2019

### Topic: Ancient Sumer

Subject	What we will learn this half term
English	<p><u>The Hunter and the Hunted:</u>  <b>Aim:</b> <i>To write and produce a podcast that tells a story using the technique Dual Narrative and to understand its effectiveness when building tension.</i>            This half term we will be developing both reading comprehension and writing skills through creating tension-filled narratives, gathering inspiration from texts such as Jaws.</p> <p>Our history topic this half term is Ancient Sumer which we will use for a range of writing purposes including; newspaper reports and non-chronological reports.</p> <p>Our class book this half term, which was chosen through a very enthusiastically debated book world cup, is Abi Elphinstone's <i>The Dream Snatcher</i>. We will be using this as a stimulus for some creative writing throughout the half term.</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geometry- position and direction</li> <li>• Decimals and percentages</li> <li>• Algebra</li> </ul>
Science	<p><b>The Art of Being Human: Circulation and Nutrition</b>            This half term, we will continue with our topic of circulation and nutrition, conducting a range of investigations to deepen our understanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parts and functions of the circulatory system</li> <li>• Transporting water and nutrients</li> <li>• Healthy lifestyle</li> <li>• Exercise investigation</li> <li>• Impact of drugs and alcohol</li> </ul> <p>We will be making use of our links with the Duchess' High School to go and use their labs for an afternoon of Science, which is also a brilliant transition opportunity.</p>
Humanities (History & Geography)	<p><b>History- Ancient Sumer</b>            In this unit, we will step back in time to one of the first civilisations in the world and learn about the Sumerians and how they lived their lives in Mesopotamia, now known as the country of Iraq.            We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Where</i> and when the Ancient Sumerian civilisation first appeared</li> <li>• Life in the City States</li> <li>• How the Ancient Sumerians made their mark on the world (and how this compares to other early civilisations and their influence on the world today)</li> <li>• Gods and religious beliefs and practices</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artefacts and culture</li> <li>• Agriculture</li> </ul>
Art & D&T	<p>We will be linking our artwork to our class book this half term, and studying surrealism art, taking inspiration from the famous artist Salvador Dali, alongside other artists with whom this style of art was popular during the 1920's.</p> <p>Children will create their own surrealist artwork using our class book <i>The Dream Snatcher</i> as a stimulus to create an expression of a dream that is beyond our normal reality!</p>
RE	<p><b>The crucifixion- Was Jesus' death part of God's plan?</b></p> <p>In this unit we will focus on Christianity and the Easter story. We will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Easter Story</li> <li>• Free will and determinism</li> <li>• Was Jesus' life part of a plan?</li> <li>• Analyse events in Holy Week to justify a line of argument</li> <li>• Atonement and relating it to commitments within own lives</li> <li>• Relate experiences of Jesus to own life choices</li> </ul>
PSHE	<p><b>Relationships</b></p> <p>This half term we will be focusing on relationships within a range of contexts, discussing and debating topical issues and events.</p> <p>We will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consequences of antisocial and aggressive behaviours</li> <li>• How to resolve differences</li> <li>• The impact of actions on yourself and others</li> <li>• Different types of relationships</li> <li>• Recognising and challenging stereotypes</li> </ul>
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance</li> <li>• Fitness- circuits</li> </ul>
Computing	<p><b>Research and web design</b></p> <p>Children will be designing and writing programmes, developing a range of key skills through appropriately selecting software and becoming more competent in their use of search engines.</p> <p>We will also be using a range of research skills throughout the half term to link into our History topic of Ancient Sumer.</p> <p>As part of our English unit, we will be using recording apps on the i-pads in order to create podcasts; developing a range of relevant and useful computing skills.</p>
Music	<p>We will be focusing our music this half term around the song Happy by Pharrell Williams, building on knowledge about the different aspects of music through learning to sing the song, play instruments with it and</p>

	compose music, leading to creating a final performance.
French	<b>School life</b> In this topic children will be learning French within the context of school life, learning key vocabulary relating to objects, subjects and prepositional language. Children will further develop their oral responses and conversations and use newly learnt vocabulary in writing.

Homework, including spellings, is given on a Friday. Please return homework folders/booklets to school by Thursday. Class spelling and times table tests are weekly, each Friday. A copy of our Homework Policy is on the school website.

### Useful Links

Maths:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>  
<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years>  
<https://play.prodigygame.com/>

English:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>  
<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/index.html>

Topic:

<https://mesopotamia.mrdonn.org/sumer.html>

Science:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zwdr6yc>