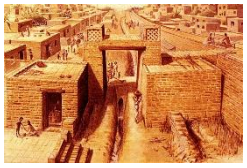
Cradles of Civilisation

Year 3 — Autumn 2 — 2026

What's it all about?

This fascinating topic will take us back in time where we will explore how the first great civilisations developed. We will learn about Ancient Sumer, the Indus Valley, Ancient Egypt and the Shang Dynasty.






Scientists: This half term we will be exploring animals and humans. We will learn all about the skeleton and how to classify animals.

Readers: Using Destination Reader, we will continue being super readers by revisiting the different aspects of reading: questioning, clarifying, inferring, predicting, evaluating, summarising and making connections.

Spellers: Our spelling patterns for this half term will include learning: the 'n' sound spelt *gn and kn,* the 'igh' sound spelt *y,* the suffix *ing*, the *j* sound spelt different ways, the 'o' sound spelt after *w and qu*

Writers: We will be studying an Ancient Egyptian mystery story. Using this text, we will write factfiles, setting descriptions and stories.

Mathematicians: The maths topic this half term is finishing off our work on addition and subtraction, then moving on to multiplication and division.

PE: In PE we are going to be developing our communication skills further by participating in a variety of team work activities. Our physical focus will be jumping, landing and balancing.

DT: We will be learning about, making and tasting flatbreads, a staple food of the earliest civilisations. We will make our own dips as well. We will send allergy information closer to the time.

Musicians: We will learn about crotchets and quavers, then use them in a clap rap!

RE: The topic we will be exploring how artists can help us to understand what Christians believe

Life Skills: In Life Skills this half-term, we will explore how we value differences.

French: We will learn about basic greetings, numbers and colours.

Family Learning Ideas: Visit the British Museum, create an Ancient Egyptian pyramid using a range of materials, find facts about the earliest civilisations, visit Chertsey Museum, play with writing with hieroglyphics.

Value of the half –term: Respect. What does this mean? How is it important in our lives?

Trips/Workshops: A free science visitor to reinforce the children's learning in their Rocks and Soils topic.