

Our topic this term is Ancient Egypt. We will be looking at how the Ancient Egyptians lived, Tutankhamun, pharaohs and much more. We will be thinking about where Egypt is, the climate and the importance of the River Nile.



In science, our topic will be Changing States. As part of our Science we have planned a trip to the ThinkTank in Birmingham.

Our SEAL themes cover Relationships and Changes which will help support the children as they think about moving to the next year group. Children will continue to look at the importance of British Values.

In R.E. children will be thinking about the effect money can have on people and investigating whether there is evidence of religion within the local area.

In Art & Design Technology we will be producing pyramid landscapes using different resources, making Egyptian Death Masks and Scarab beetles. We will also be making Egyptian flat breads, with a twist if we feel adventurous.

Children in year 3 will be going swimming on Thursdays. Their P.E. lessons in school will be based on gymnastics, attack and defence games and athletics in preparation for sports day.

Children will need their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor kit too (including a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms, as well as a sun hat for when the weather gets warmer). They need pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.

In Literacy we will be reading texts that involve stories by famous authors, non-fiction and a variety of narrative texts, including poetry. We will be writing our own adventure stories and looking at the book 'Cliffhanger' and 'The Mummy Cat'. Children will write their own reports about the Ancient Egyptians.

We will continue to follow our Spelling scheme where children will be taught spelling patterns and rules, they will have weekly home spellings which will be applied through regular activities in class.

Please help your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, both independently and to an adult for at least 10 minutes each day and sign their diary;
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary;
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding;
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails, get them to check these through for correct punctuation being used.
- Please encourage your child to read and research all about Ancient Egypt.



In Maths we will be covering all areas of the curriculum. It is important that the children practise their tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to **practise their tables** and the corresponding division facts
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping, and telling the time.
- Playing cards and board games
- Helping them complete any homework
- Helping them learn to tell the time on digital and analogue clocks



Homework

Please continue to support your child with homework tasks and sign their reading diary when tasks are completed. We ask that the title of the book they are reading and the pages they have read is written in the diary, this allows us as teachers to monitor what is being read, this is something that the children could do themselves and then pass to you to sign.

In addition to specific homework tasks recorded in their diary, children should practise reading and tables on an on-going basis.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Skirving, Miss Hughes and Mr Kendrick



Year 3 & 4

Summer Term 2018

We're going on a Mummy hunt
(Ancient Egyptians)

We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.