

School Newsletter

Term 1 - The Ancient Egyptians



Welcome Back!!!

Welcome back from myself and Mrs Christie. It's great to see everyone had a fun and safe holiday. Thank you to everyone for the amazing projects. We have been overwhelmed with the variety and the interesting facts that the children have shared with us.

As we come into the first term, things will seem very similar to last year, but we are just pushing a little bit harder. Please see below for any significant dates.

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MATHS

Children will start by looking at place value, understanding numbers over a 1000 and venturing into negative numbers.

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ENGLISH

Children will begin by looking at non-chronological reports and how to use language to support their writing.

3

TOPIC

For the first half term, children will be learning all about Egypt and the tomb of Tutankhamun.



Times tables

Times tables in year 4 take a significant leap and by the end of the year, children need to know all their times tables up to 12x12.



Spelling

Spellings will continue to be handed out on a weekly basis. Children will normally be tested on a Monday.



Reading

Please ensure that you read with your children 4x per week. These will be checked on a weekly basis.

Things to know.

Just a few things as we go into Term 1

First of all, I just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone for the amazing range of projects that have been brought in and the creativity of the things they have made.

Personally, this is one of my favourite topics and I can't wait to get going when exploring about the Egyptians.

Reading - Reading will continue be one of the priorities and ensuring that your child reads four times a week. We are going to change the format a little with reading. We have decided to use a token system for reading. If your child reads four times a week, they will receive a token and can exchange this for a prize once they have collected so many. This way if they miss out on getting to the top, they can still work towards a prize.

Collective Worship - These normally take place once a term. Parents are invited to the first one of the year and the final one. I will normally write a script that involves all children with lines for them to learn. Please see below for the dates.



Spellings and Homework - children will receive either Maths or English homework on a Friday and will be expected to be back in school on the Wednesday. Spellings will go out on the Monday and will be tested on the following Monday.

Also, I have started to play a variety of games to support with spellings such as: -

- snakes and ladders
- hangman (however, each child must get each letter in succession).
- finding patterns in words (sorting into groups)
- writing the words in large and drawing pictures to remind them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th October - Collective Worship (parents are invited)

W.b 2nd October - Artists in schools to deliver a workshop

11th October - Trip to South Holland Centre for a performance **(more information to follow in the near future)**

20th October - Harvest Festival at church

6th and 7th November - Open mornings.

