

## Topic

This half term our topic is Ancient Egypt. We will begin our topic with an introduction to Egypt. We will learn about the history of Egypt with a focus on certain elements that have been chosen by the children. In our history sessions, we will focus on the lives of the Egyptians, the food they ate, the gods they worshipped, the afterlife, the clothes they wore, the monuments that were built etc. You could create an information booklet containing all of your research and newly learnt knowledge and bring it in at the end of the topic.

Egyptians liked to play games in their spare time just like we do now. Can you research the games they played and then make and design your own based on their idea?

In Science, we will mummify tomatoes to help us understand the mummification process. You may wish to write an explanation text following this to explain the process to others.

During our DT sessions this half term, we will be designing and making an Egyptian death mask. We will be collecting any cardboard and newspaper during the first two weeks of the half term to make these.

Anything you could contribute would be greatly appreciated.

# A little book of things to work on at home

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# Mathematics

In maths this half term we are learning how to use written methods to multiply and divide up to four digits. We will also be using measure in a range of practical activities to enable us to practise learnt skills and consolidate them. We will also be spending some of our time this half term looking at fractions, decimals and percentages.

Please encourage multiplication as much as possible.

Children need to know their times tables from 1 - 12 fluently. They will take part in a weekly times table Olympic challenge and will receive certificates as they move through the Olympic stages.

Telling the time is a key skill for children and we would appreciate if you could use opportunities to discuss the time and ask children to tell the time in everyday situations.

Mymaths homework will be set every week.



## Reminders!

Please keep PE kit at school all week - sometimes we do PE on different days.

Please come to school in your PE kit on a Wednesday and Thursday morning with your uniform to change into.

Please bring a coat and water bottle everyday.

If you have a maths textbook which we use for homework at home then please could you return this to school every week for others to use. Thank you.

# English

In English this half term we will be writing a chronological report about the discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb. We will also be writing a diary entry from the perspective of Howard Carter. We will have opportunity to practise other genres of writing through our topic. A list of vocabulary linked to our topic will be sent home. Please practise spelling these words.

## Reading

Please ensure you bring your book to school every day.

It is important that children experience a wide range of texts. Please try to read to your child as often as possible even when they are fluent readers. Have you read a diary? An instruction text? An explanation text? Please make sure you read fiction and non-fiction both at home and school.

## ICT based learning

We will be using PowerPoint to present our learnt knowledge of the Egyptians to the rest of the class. Can you practise using PowerPoint at home and make a presentation on Space?

