
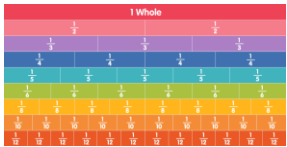





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**Topic: Amazing Ancient Egyptians**

<p>Welcome to Summer 1 term. We hope that you have enjoyed the Easter break. This term, we have many learning opportunities for your children to ensure that they are engaged and make good progress throughout the curriculum. This includes a new class novel which links with our learning about Ancient Egypt. If there is anything that you wish to discuss please feel free to contact Mrs Morris or Mrs Swanson.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Weekly schedule</b></p> <p>Monday: Mrs Swanson teaching PE Hand in homework &amp; reading records</p> <p>Tuesday: Mrs Swanson teaching</p> <p>Wednesday: Mrs Swanson teaching am Mrs Jones and Exposure PE pm</p> <p>Thursday: Mrs Morris teaching Homework given out</p> <p>Friday: Mrs Morris teaching</p>
<p><b>English</b></p> <p>This half term, pupils will be reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. Through this unit of work, pupils will be working towards writing a diary entry from the perspectives of one of the main characters. Children will be learning how to use a variety of different grammar and punctuation during our 'Sentence Stacking' lessons; they will then apply their learning to an independent diary piece. We will continue to have whole class reading sessions based on a variety of different genres. Through the 'Spelling Book' scheme, pupils will continue to work on their spelling skills.</p> 	<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p>Following our school's mastery approach to mathematics, children will continue to build on their previous learning and consolidating their learning in key concepts in mathematics in order to close any learning gaps and in preparation for Year 6. Pupils will learn about fractions: they will order and compare fractions; find equivalents; convert between mixed fractions and improper fractions as well as add and subtract fractions. For morning work, children will continue in developing their arithmetic and accuracy skills, through a selection of five daily questions.</p> 
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>Living things and their habitats (part one)</p>  <p>This half term, pupils will be learning all about the life cycle of plants. They will learn to identify the different parts of plants and start to think about how plants reproduce.</p>	<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p>Pupils will use Crumble software and electrical components to cause a variety of physical outcomes from their programming.</p> <p><b>History</b></p> <p>Linking with our core text, pupils will be starting to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. They will explore when and where they lived, the importance of The Nile, pharaohs, pyramids and mummification.</p>



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<p><b>PE</b>  Rounders: During Monday PE lessons, led by the class teacher, children will develop their rounders skills.  During Wednesday PE lessons, led by an Exposure Sports coach, the children will be exploring a range of athletics disciplines.</p>	<p><b>Music</b>  Children will be learning about 'Composition notation' through an Ancient Egyptian theme. Pupils will play a melody with reasonable accuracy; perform in time with others and compose and play a melody using stave notation.</p>
<p><b>DT &amp; Art</b>  Pupils will be learning all about Ancient Egyptian funerary masks and will start by considering self-portraits before moving on to design their own mask.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	<p><b>RE</b>  Consolidating learning about Christianity.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div>
<p><b>PSHE</b>  Pupils will be following the Kapow scheme of work to explore 'Economic Well-being'. In this unit they will consider expenditure and income; information on borrowing and money risks. As well as this, pupils will be learning basic first aid through a series of St John Ambulance lessons.</p>	<p><b>MFL</b>  <b>En Vacances</b>  Pupils will be learning about how to talk about and discuss their holidays, including: where they went; what they did and what they liked/disliked.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div>

**How you can support your child at home?**

- Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss how reading helps you each day. Perhaps work together to write a family diary.
- Use the activity passport in the back of your child's reading log for activity ideas.
- Encourage children to present their homework neatly and to use legible, joined handwriting.
- Pupils knowledge of times tables and number bonds are vital for pupils to be able to be successful in mathematics. If your child struggles with these, encourage them to continue to practice through Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots several times each week.
- To further enrich your child's learning, you may wish to discuss and explore Ancient Egyptians or visit The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

**Important Dates:**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Class and team photos
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	PAWS movie night

Just a reminder following the uniform update, it is important we foster a sense of belonging and pride within our school community. Children need to be in the correct uniform as per the policy that has been sent out. If your child doesn't have the correct uniform, they will be given something from the 'spare uniform box'. I kindly ask that all uniform is labelled so we can return any missing items to the correct child. Thank you for your understanding and support.



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