

Whale and Octopus

Term 2: Pharaohs

Did you know that 130 pyramids have been discovered in Egypt, each pyramid taking around 27 years to build? Also, that every stone block in a pyramid weighs an average of 2.5 tonnes? Wow that's heavy!



Our exploration of this terms topic Pharaohs will include researching where the pyramids are and how the ancient burial tombs were discovered, along with looking at the process of mummification and the detailed art work and death rituals of the Ancient Egyptians.

During English the children will be developing their research skills using non-fiction texts to explore Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922, producing an accurate timeline of events and a detailed report of the explorer's findings, before preparing a group presentation on an aspect of Egyptian life.

Maths lessons will continue to work on our basic skills including the four operations, negative numbers, area and perimeter and angles.

As a main focus of this terms topic, in History lessons the children will learn about the traditions of the Ancient Egyptian people, their rituals and their beliefs. Children will have the chance to research the famous pharaohs of Ancient Egypt before choosing a favourite and making a Fact File describing their personality, how long they ruled for and their Special Achievements for an 'Egypt's got Talent' competition.



Geography lessons will be spent creating a tourist guide to Egypt and its most popular monuments and locations that children would recommend visiting.

Art lessons will be inspired by the sacred symbols including the *Wedjat*, an eye symbol that appears on many important objects, particularly tomb items, as well as hieroglyphics. Children will have the opportunity to create detailed, colourful pictures of decorative artefacts found in Tutankhamun's tomb.

Physical Education:

The children have been making excellent progress in their offsite PE activities and these will continue in Term 2.

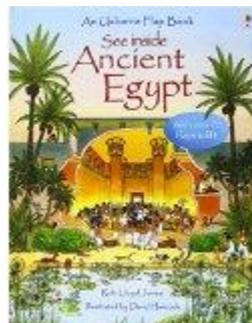
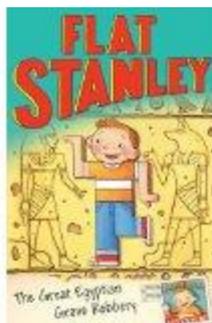
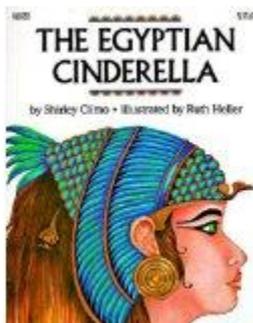
On a Friday, Whale class will be Swimming at Hundred of Hoo Swimming Pool and Octopus class will be horse riding at Squirrels Riding School, Bluebell Hill. These sessions will end on Friday the 18th December 2015.

PE will take place in school on a Tuesday and Beam activities on a Wednesday for Octopus and Monday for Whale class.

Please ensure that students have the necessary equipment to support them in their activities.

Maths: This term we will begin to do weekly Times Tables Tests, the focus will be for children to improve their score each week.

Reading: Children will be reading a wide range of fiction and non-fiction this term. Please ensure that you are reading with your child 2-3 times a week, and that this is noted accurately in your child's reading record. Ten Well Dones will be given for each book completed.



Useful websites to support your children's learning this Term:

These links may help you with the River Nile factfile:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z3rwmp3>

<http://www.ancient-egypt-online.com/river-nile-facts.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zn7hyrd>

These links will support Family Learning projects:

<http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/history/egypt/hieroglyphs/>

http://www.kidsgen.com/ancient_egypt/daily_life.htm