

Year 5 - Term 1 Celebration Newsletter

It has been a fantastic start to the year and we have been impressed with the progress seen. Our study of Ancient Egypt has been enjoyable and the children have shown a great interest in the subject, showing a good understanding. We will continue to focus on Ancient Egypt next term, as there is so much still to learn!

Year Five have settled in really well and are developing fantastic behaviour for learning skills and greater independence.

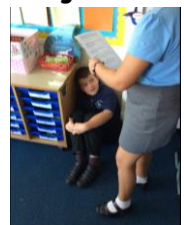
In our Pharaohs topic we have created a timeline of history and studied how we can find out about life in Ancient Egypt when it was over 3000 years ago. The children have used research skills to find out about the role of a Pharaoh in order to help them write a job description. We have also researched the life of Ancient Egyptian farmers, which we have used to write and film documentaries. Keep an eye out for some of these on the playground TV! The children have been really engaged in this topic which has led to high quality work. The home project work has been fantastic. We are so impressed by your creativity; thank you. We look forward to continuing to study the life of Ancient Egyptians next term, as there is so much more to find out!

Science work this term has focused on Earth and Space. We have learnt about our solar system, why we get night and day, why our shadows seem to change over the day and why the Moon seems to change shape.

There has been some really great discussion and explanations, showing a good understanding of our learning.

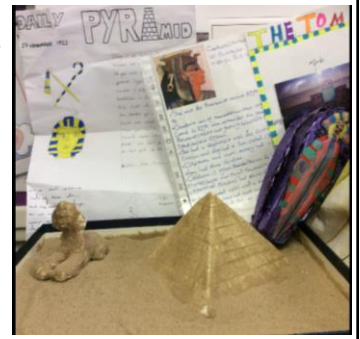
In Maths we have studied + and - methods, multiples and factors, prime and square numbers, as well as fractions and shape vocabulary this term. We have been busy!

In English we have studied Oliver Twist, writing diaries, descriptions, play scripts and wanted posters, using drama to help us. Lion Class presented their fantastic work in a brilliant celebration assembly. We have also studied suspense stories and it has been really pleasing to see the effort, and progress, which is evident in their independently written stories; well done.



Fantastic Family Learning Projects

We would like to say a huge well done to all the families who engaged in the family learning projects. We have received some amazing homework which have been put on display in the classroom.
Great work!



A sneaky peek into next term....

We will continue to study Ancient Egyptian life, moving on to study gods, everyday life and find out more about the strange art of mummification. We hope to visit a museum next term, to help us find out more. A letter will be sent out as soon as we have confirmed a booking.

In Science we will study the properties of materials and changes of state. This will involve a lot of practical work and explanation using key vocabulary. (Please see the vocabulary list for our science topic below.)

Properties of Materials vocabulary:

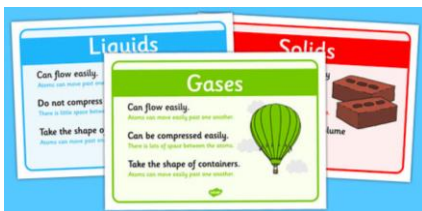
Properties- hardness, solubility, transparency, conductor or insulator (electrical and thermal), magnetic

Dissolve – liquid, solution

States – solid, liquid, gas

Reversible changes – mixing, dissolving, evaporation, condensation, melting, sieving, filtering

Irreversible changes – new material, burning, rusting



General class information:

PE will be on Fridays and then Thursdays (for Lions) and Wednesdays (for Sharks). Please note: we cannot allow anyone to take part with earrings in.

Maths – we will continue to work in classes, not in sets.

Spelling and grammar – we will continue setting for this on a Wednesday. Spellings will also be given by the group teacher. If you wish to help your child with their spellings, please ensure their folder is back for the test on Tuesday.

Please do arrange to see us with any questions.

Miss Simmonds Miss Mills