

Year 5 - Term 1 Newsletter

Hopefully, you have all had a fantastic summer. We are looking forward to working with you and are sure you will enjoy this year! In Year Five we will focus on further developing the learning skills needed to prepare you for secondary school.

This term we will be studying....

...Earth and space in our science lessons.

...the Ancient Egyptians in our topic called...

Pharaohs.



We will be learning about Howard Carter's amazing tomb discovery and about famous Pharaohs. Please see our word lists for science and topic lessons on the next page. These lists include the key vocabulary we will be using, so have a look to get a headstart and see if you can work out how to say some of the more unusual words!

In English, we will start our learning journey with *Oliver Twist*, which we will use to create play scripts and short film clips for a Medway-wide movie project. After this, we will be linking our work to our Ancient Egyptian topic, using research skills to help us write recounts and a story full of suspense worthy of Charles Dickens.

In Maths, we will be studying place value, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, addition and subtraction, prime and square numbers, 2-D shape and lines.

Useful websites for Egyptians:

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

<http://www.historyforkids.net/ancient-egypt.html>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/egypt/general.htm>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/homework/Egypt.html>

Earth and Space vocabulary:

Day and night - Earth, axis, rotate

Solar system – Star = Sun, Planets = Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune (Pluto was classified as Dwarf planet in 2006)

Phases of the Moon – full Moon, gibbous Moon, half Moon, crescent Moon, new Moon, waxing, waning

Moon's orbit: 27 days

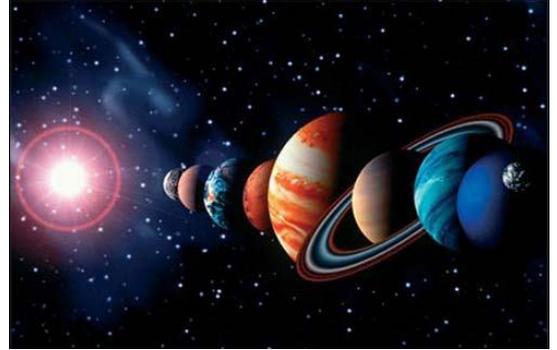
Lunar month: 29.5 days

Orbit

Planets

Revolve

Sphere



Pharaohs vocabulary:

Afterlife

Ankh

Book of the Dead

Canopic jars

Gods – Amun, Anubis, Horus,

Osiris, Ra

Hieroglyphics

Memphis

Mummy

Obelisk

Papyrus

Pharaoh – Hatshepsut, Nefertiti,

Tutankhamun

Pyramid

Rosetta stone

Sarcophagus

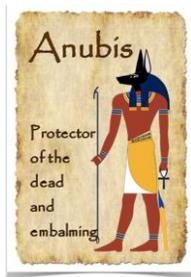
Scribe

Sphinx

Upper and Lower Egypt – Giza,

Thebes

Vizier



General class information:

PE will be on Fridays and then Thursdays (for Lions) and Wednesdays (for Sharks). Please note: you will not be allowed to take part with earrings in.

Maths – we will work in classes, not in sets. Homework will be given on a Friday, to be handed in by Wednesday.

Spelling and grammar – we will be setting for this on a Wednesday. Homework will be handed out in this lesson. Spellings will also be given by the group teacher. Please help your child learn their spellings, but ensure their folder is back for the test on Wednesday. Please see the attached sheet for spelling guidance.

Please feel free to arrange to see us if you have any questions.

Miss Simmonds Miss Mills