

Year 5 - Term 2 Celebration Newsletter

Term 2 has been a busy time, with so much achieved. The children have continued to work hard on their learning and it is really pleasing to see their work in books developing well. The Pharaohs topic has been enjoyable and the range of brilliant home project work is amazing. Thank you to the PTA who have given every child in Year 5 a copy of *The Red Pyramid*; a book we have enjoyed reading in class.

In our Pharaohs topic we have used research skills to learn about the Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses. We have studied hieroglyphs, trying to crack the codes and wrote our own names on papyrus paper using hieroglyphs. Recent work on mummification has helped the children to write some fantastic examples of high quality instructions. Again, the home project work has been fantastic with some very creative mummification and great sarcophagus building!

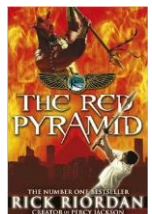


Science work this term has focused on properties of materials. We have studied electrical and thermal conductivity, evaporation, filtering and solubility. The children have worked in groups to plan and carry out an investigation more independently.

In Maths this term, we have studied methods for multiplication and division, decimal place value, money and mass (converting between units using decimals).

In English we have started reading *The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan, which the PTA kindly bought for every child in Year 5. We have really enjoyed this book so far and the children were able to use what we had read to write some brilliant police reports and letters, really thinking about character's thoughts and feelings well. Our topic lessons on how Ancient Egyptians were mummified helped us to write detailed, clear and well organised instructions.

Great writing this term, Year 5!



Deep Sea Spelling and Monkey Maths

On Mondays, we have Deep Sea Spelling groups and your child will have spellings that they will be working with in their group. In Monkey Maths next term we will be focusing on times tables and place value. If you could spare some time to practise table facts at home, that will really help your child as they are useful in so many areas of maths.

A sneaky peek into next term....

In Term 3 we will be UK Explorers! Our topic will focus on the UK, where we will study the main cities and counties, compare rural and urban areas and look at land use on current and old maps. If children could bring in any news articles from around the UK, or photos, or leaflets, from places visited around the UK, we would love to add these to our class displays.

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

Forces vocabulary:

Force- friction, water and air resistance, gravity, buoyancy

Measure – Newtons, force meter

Mechanism – lever, gear, pulley
Surface

UK Explorers vocabulary:

UK- England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, country, county

Position – longitude, latitude, Greenwich Meridian

Geographical – settlement, land use, economy, trade, import, export, upland, climate



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 Tuesday. 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 could you remind your child to bring in their planner.

Please do arrange to see us with any questions.

Miss Simmonds Miss Mills