

# Year 5 Newsletter Spring Term 1: Pharaohs



This term Year 5 are going to travel back 5000 years to the dusty realms of ancient Egypt. We will cruise along the Nile; enter a world of mysteries and curses, mummies and kings; unravel the secrets of ancient tombs; use historical sources and age-old artefacts. We will also find out about powerful pharaohs and grandiose gods! And become apprentices for Ramose- the chief embalmer at the Beautiful House where our job will be to help him prepare a body for its journey into the afterlife.

In Maths this half term we will be learning about statistics; securing our understanding of fractions, equivalence and ordering and adding and subtracting. We will also be learning all about mixed numbers and improper fractions and how to convert between the two.

In English, we will be exploring and using a range of different story writing techniques and use these to enhance our own writing, in particular our own mystery stories. We will be writing Non-chronological reports on the mummification process as well as researching and writing Play scripts

As Scientists, we will be focusing on thinking scientifically and use these skills to find out fascinating facts about living things. We will be investigating why things rot and how we can preserve them, as well as growing plants/vegetables ourselves.

We will be continuing with our Philosophical thinking this half term and will use a range of Egyptian themed stimuli to guide us to devise our own questions for class discussions. This helps us to deepen our thinking skills and increase our confidence and understanding of everyday concepts.

Ideas for home learning:

- Children can write out their names in Hieroglyphics
- Make Egyptian flat breads
- Create their own death masks

To celebrate our learning at the end of the term, Year 5 will be inviting you in to school to take you on a journey (using the 'Now Press Play' technology) to ancient Egypt, where you will explore and experience the sights-Imagination permitting- and sounds of a fantastic period in history.

If you have any questions please feel free to approach myself Mr Ali or Ms Harris

In our Topic, we will be challenging our learning to find out as much as we can about Ancient Egypt, where it is, when it was at its height, the importance of both the River Nile and the Rosetta Stone, the relevance of its Gods and the burial process. We will also be researching Howard Carter and other famous archaeologists of the early part of the twentieth century and look at the impact their discoveries had on our understanding

In RE, our focus will centre on Hinduism and Hindu beliefs. We will be exploring the key question; How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? Researching, questioning and debating our findings. We will also compare similarities and differences with the Christian religion

In PE we will continue with swimming for the first half-term as well as improve our skills, knowledge and understanding in gymnastics.

As artists we are lucky enough to be receiving expert tuition from a professional artist who will, no doubt, challenge our knowledge and skills enabling us to produce some worthwhile pieces of artwork.