



Year 5 Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2025!

We hope you have had a wonderful winter break and are ready for an action-packed Spring 1!



Our learning will be centred around **Ancient Egypt** this half term.

History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We will investigate the main beliefs of Ancient Egyptians. The children will be thinking about how these beliefs shaped their daily lives. We will focus on how and why the Ancient Egyptian civilisation was so successful, considering significant pharaohs and their legacy. In addition, we will investigate Ancient Egyptian monuments, gods and beliefs about mummification and life after death. As well as this, we will explore the importance of artefacts and what they tell us about the past.

Please see the link below for more information regarding the Ancient Egyptians.

[Ancient Egypt - KS2 History - BBC Bitesize](#)

Reading

This half term we will be reading 'Ancient Egypt Sleepover' by Stephen Davies as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of mystery and adventure that will help inspire our writing.

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text

- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of Ancient Egypt and the book 'Ancient Egypt Sleepover' by Stephen Davies. Using this text, the children will write their own mystery story (based on a night in a museum), a non-chronological report based on the lifestyle and beliefs of Ancient Egyptians and a persuasive argument linked to artefacts and where they should be kept.

During these units, the pupils will focus on using brackets for parenthesis to add additional information to their writing. For example,

Ancient Egyptian monuments (such as the Sphinx and the Great Pyramids) still stand today.

Please see the link below for further information linked to brackets:

[Using brackets - BBC Bitesize](#)

In addition, we will be thinking about inverted commas and correct punctuation to show when someone is speaking. We will consider how to use dialogue to advance the action in our stories.

Please see the link below for further information linked to inverted commas:

[How to use inverted commas - BBC Bitesize](#)

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Fractions- comparing and ordering fractions, converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers, finding equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions with both the same and different denominators. The link below can provide further support with these different areas of fractions:

[Year 5 Fractions - Year 5 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7th January- School resumes for Early Years and Years 1 -6

Thursday 9th January- Family Drop In, 3-5pm, meet the SEND Team

Thursday 16th January- Family Drop In, 3-5pm, meet the SEND Team

Friday 17th January- Year 2 and 5 Fire Brigade visit to School

Friday 17th January- Year 5 Family Sharing Assembly

Friday 31st January-Year 5 British Museum Trip

Friday 14th February- FROG's Annual Valentines Ball



Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Connected.' We will be learning about artefacts and how they are used to inform us about the past. We will consider whether we believe artefacts should be kept in their original countries or in notable museums such as 'The British Museum' and present balanced arguments based on our findings.

Science

Our science topic this half term will be 'Properties of Materials.' We will explore the different properties of a range of materials including whether they are magnetic or not and their hardness. We will investigate whether materials are transparent, translucent or opaque. In addition, we will explore a material's ability to conduct electricity and insulate heat.

We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations and drawing conclusions. We will plan investigations and evaluate them this half term.

The links below provide some useful information about what we will be studying:

[Identify materials - BBC Bitesize](#)

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Programming- Selection in Physical Computing.' We will develop our understanding of programming and the components it requires. In addition, we will introduce conditions and see how these conditions influence our algorithms.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Dreams and Goals.' During this topic, the children will think about jobs and careers and what they want to be when they grow up. We will think about the steps we will need to take to be successful and compare our goals with children from other cultures, considering how we can support each other to be successful.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is Sikhism. Our key question is 'How far would a Sikh go for their religion?' We will learn about Sikh religious practices and beliefs.

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on NFL Flag.

Class PE Day: **Friday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Fridays**.

Music

The children will be exploring rock music and will be learning the song 'Livin' on a Prayer.' Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is 'Food.' The children will learn how to say and write a range of foods in Spanish and will also learn about piñatas.

Art and DT

This half term in DT, the children will learn about pulleys and gears and use this knowledge to create their own cranes.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to continuing to work with you all.

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