



Head Teacher: Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

Aim High

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Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to our second term of Year 2.

MAIN LEARNING THEME – ‘Egypt’

Next half term we will be continuing our learning through the exciting topic of ‘children around the world’. However, this time we will shift our focus to taking a closer look at ancient Egypt. Where children will study how Egyptian’s lived and ponder among the many wondrous architectural creations, most notably the great pyramids of Giza and we will enjoy uncovering facts about the famous Tutankhamun’s tomb. Finally, we will design and build our very own mummies too!!

NUMERACY

We will be working with the Numeracy framework to secure block B unit 2 (securing number facts, understanding shape) Block C unit 2 (handling data and measures) and block A unit 2 (counting, partitioning and calculating). All of the units will be building on the skills and learning the children developed in the first term of Year 2. We will continue to teach and secure strategies to promote children’s independence and confidence with mathematics.

LITERACY

We will be working with the new Literacy framework, to assist children to begin to develop their understanding of various text types. To begin the second term we will learn through both the Fiction and non-fiction genre.

Children will continue to develop their narrative writing skills already emerging from term one. We will build upon increasing vocabulary and punctuation use through immersing ourselves in text types and tales. In addition we will write a non-fiction report linked to our main learning theme ‘Egypt’.

PE

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. One of which will be now held on a Tuesday morning. We will cover both games and gymnastics this half term. Children will require to have both **indoor and outdoor** kits and girls with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed or covered with a plaster which must be supplied from home.

Please ensure your child has the proper kit in school with them all week as PE slots are subject to change.

LEARNING SKILLS

The whole school theme for developing learning skills will be ‘improving own learning and performance’. We will be working towards the following “I Can...” statements

- I can identify some things I have learnt to do.
- I can keep my own things safe during the day.
- I can identify what I need to do to start a task
- I can identify something I have done well and give reasons.



General

HOME LEARNING

All children will be given a task in their learning log on a Wednesday which is due in the following Tuesday for in class celebration. Your child will be given a question (which may be based on literacy, numeracy or topic) to answer, choosing to present it as they wish.

The class will also be set a half term home learning project which will be linked to their topic theme. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning.

The project for next half term will be **'Egypt.'** This could include writing a fact file about Egyptians/mummies, drawing pictures/images from Egypt with labels. You might like to make a 'mummy' model. Or you could complete a 'Did you know... fun facts from Egypt and or quiz for children in class to answer/find out. The possibilities are endless... it is up to you what you would like to embark upon!

READING

Please continue to read with your child at home. Children will be given one reading book and one library book at the beginning of the term. **Next term**, children will have the opportunity to change their **library book on Friday when we visit our school library and change their reading book on a Tuesday.**

Please ensure children bring their reading books with them to school **every day** even if the book is not finished as this provides children the opportunity to read with an adult in school.

END OF THE DAY

Please feel free to use this time to talk to me about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Should you need to collect your child at other times during the school day then you will need to go to the main office area.

All of the adults that will be working with Year 2, Mrs Thornburn, Miss Cooper, Miss Odain and myself are looking forward to an exciting and successful second term together next year!

Kind regards

Miss Mulligan
Class Teacher

Miss Odain
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Mrs Thornburn
TA

Mrs Cooper
TA

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

