

# Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Spring Half Term 2 2023

Our theme for Spring 2 is:

## Ancient Egypt

Our main focuses are:

- To find out about how life was different in Ancient Egyptian times.
- To discover who the pharaohs were and why they had pyramids built for them.

Our theme will last for:

5 weeks

### French

This half term, we will be talking about the pets that we have. By the end of the half term, we will be able to spell the names of the animals, say if we have a pet and say how old they are. We will also be able to ask others if they have any pets.



### History

We will be finding out how long ago the Ancient Egyptians were around and how things have changed between then and now. We will be discovering how differently pharaohs and slaves lived and why. The children will also be finding out about the Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses and uncovering the Ancient Egyptian creation myth.

### Computing

This half term we will be using scratch to create an Egyptian mummy game. We will be learning how to control the movement of the mummy by designing algorithms.

### Music

In Music, we will be looking at the song 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'. We will look at the dimensions of music (pitch, rhythm, pitch) and using singing and instruments to improvise and compose with this song.

### P.E.

For P.E. this half term we will be developing our competitive spirit through hockey. Please ensure that you bring in your P.E. kit and water bottle on P.E. days. Our P.E. day is Thursday. Please ensure that your child's P.E. kit is appropriate for being outside.



### English:

For this topic, we will be focussing on a mixture of non-fiction texts all about Egypt.

We will focus on our grammar and sentence construction, which we will use to help us write extracts of non-fiction texts. Using exciting examples of these text types, we will be writing:

- A diary from the perspective of a slave and a Pharaoh.
- A recount of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

We will also be building on our reading skills throughout the study, as we look at example texts to help us with our own understanding.

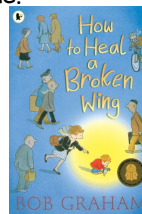


### Personal, Social and Health Education (P.S.H.E.)

In our P.S.H.E. lessons, we will be looking at the information that we share on-line and how to keep ourselves safe. We will be discussing cyberbullying and the potential impact of posting online.

### No Outsiders

This term we will continue our 'No Outsiders' scheme. We will be looking at the book "How to Heal a Broken Wing" by Bob Graham. This book focusses on showing kindness to others.



### Behaviour and Safety

What is respect? We will be discussing this and exploring ways to deal with conflict. This half term's British Values focus is Democracy.



### Key Questions for Discussion

The children will be finding out about slavery and discussing their opinions on this matter. The Ancient Egyptians had vast differences in lifestyle and wealth between classes and so we will be asking the children if it is ok for some people to be wealthier than others.

### Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes, as a minimum everyday. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our vocabulary and spellings that we will be practising and looking at over the half term will be shared via Seesaw and these can be discussed, practised and looked at whilst at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of words and see if they can put them into a sentence! An optional Maths. and English homework will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers.

### Key Dates:

Week beginning 27th February - Aspirations Week  
2nd March - World Book Day  
2nd/3rd March - Scholastic Book Fair  
Week beginning 13th March - National Science and Engineering Week  
17th March - Comic Relief  
Week beginning 20th March - Poetry Week  
28th March - Year 5 Leics Make Music trip at De Montfort Hall

### Mathematics:

This half term we will be investigating statistics and visualising shape.

As part of these units, we will be:

- Exploring line graphs and the data they represent
- Reading and interpreting tables
- Drawing and measuring angles using protractors
- Linking 3D shapes to 2D shapes

We will be recapping these areas and applying our knowledge to a range of different problems and question types. During this half term, and throughout next year, times table knowledge will be key and therefore we would like the children to continue practising these at home in a variety of different ways. To link with the units we are doing in school, it would also be useful to discuss things like timetables with your child - how are they used? Where might you find them?



### Art and Design Technology

In Art, the children will be looking at portraits of Egyptian royalty and thinking about the symbolism within the pictures. We will use this to inspire our own portrait.

### Science

This half term, we will be investigating different materials and their properties. When faced with a water 'sample' from the River Nile, the children will get the opportunity to become separating experts to obtain the purest water sample possible! We will also be exploring why some materials dissolve and others don't.

### Geography

In Geography, we will be learning all about the River Nile. As part of this, we will identify the different parts of a river, how they are formed and the impact rivers have on local habitats.

### R.E.

We will be continuing to explore Islam. We will be looking at why places of worship are important to those who have a faith and the meaning of the five pillars.

