

Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Spring Half Term 2 2026

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 clothes. We will be asking and answering question such as: What do you wear at different times of the year? At the weekend, what do you like to wear? We will be learning lots of new, exciting vocabulary to describe our clothes!

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. We will also be finding out about the importance of the River Nile and exploring what happened to the Ancient Egyptians.

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 exploring the genre of Hip-hop and focusing on 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' by Will Smith. We will be listening to the song, discussing the musical elements and combining sound and song with some improvisation!

P.E.

For P.E. this half term, we will be developing our competitive spirit through basketball. Please ensure that you bring in your P.E. kit and water bottle on P.E. days. Our P.E. day is **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has an **indoor and outdoor** P.E. kit at school and **jewellery is removed**.

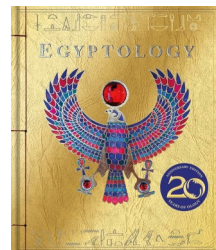


English:

Over the next half term, our writing will focus on:

- how we can write with different levels of formality
- making links between paragraphs using conjunctions and adverbial phrases
- refining our use of relative clauses
- using speech punctuation correctly

We will be applying these skills in diaries and a newspaper. During the half term, we will also be exploring our new book 'Egyptology' and linking it to our writing and reading lessons where possible! In our reading lessons, some of the skills that we will be covering are exploring the structure of books, making sensible predictions and giving evidence to explain our understanding. It would be great if you could focus on these at home too!



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

In our P.S.H.E. lessons, we will be looking at the impact of information online. We will be looking at online communication and the positive and negative impact of this. This will link in with our Online Safety work that we have done earlier in the year.

No Outsiders in our School

This term we will continue our 'No Outsiders in our School' scheme. We will be looking at the book 'How to Heal a Broken Wing' by Bob Graham. This book focuses 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.

Art

This half-term, will be exploring sculpture and how shapes and patterns can be created with clay. We will be taking inspiration from Ancient Egyptian pyramid art to create designs using different techniques and tools.

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:

- Mon 23rd February - Wondernoon
- Thurs 5th March - World Book Day
- Weds 11th March - 5BO Family Assembly
- Fri 20th March - Comic Relief
- w/b 23rd March - VR Cyber Security Workshops; First Aid Workshops
- Fri 27th March - First Aid Day
- Ancient Egypt workshop- date TBC

Mathematics:

This half term, we will be solving number problems, investigating statistics and visualising shape. As part of these units, we will be:

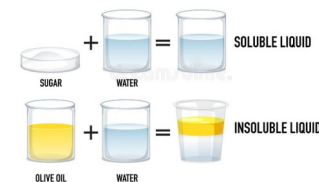
- Multiplying and dividing numbers using a range of strategies
- Solving problems involving numbers with up to 3 decimal places
- Exploring line graphs and the data they represent
- Reading and interpreting tables
- Drawing angles and measuring them in degrees
- Identifying 3D shapes from 2D representations

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 continue to 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 (bus, train, etc.) with your child and how they are used.

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.

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R.E.

In R.E. this half-term, we will be continuing to learn about how people celebrate marriage in a range of religious worldviews. This time, we will be exploring how Muslims, Sikhs and Humanists celebrate marriages and what special rituals or symbols are linked to them. We will be looking at what promises are made during the different ceremonies and comparing them.

