



Akrotiri School

Y5

Mrs Ashford (Pelicans) & Mrs Cotter (Flamingos)
Autumn Term 1 - Information Guide 2019

Our topic this term is - 'Walk Like an Egyptian'.

English – We will be using our class book, The Red Pyramid as a stimulus to discuss and write mystery/suspense stories. We will also be having a big focus on grammar- particularly looking at word classes and how to write relative clauses introduced by relative pronouns.

Maths – Our main focus will be on securing and deepening children's understanding of place value up to and including 7-digit numbers. This will include counting forwards and backwards in powers of 10, negative numbers in context and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000. We will also be developing children's understanding and application addition and subtraction skills to enable them to solve more complex calculation problems, as well as how we can use and interpret line graphs and timetables to solve problems.

History/Geography – We will be travelling back 5000 years to the dusty realms of Egypt and unravelling the secrets of ancient tombs, using historical sources and age-old artefacts. We will be finding out about the River Nile and discovering what life was like in ancient Egypt and its fascinating culture; in addition to the geography of Egypt.

Art – This half term we will be experimenting with different mediums in art linked to our Egyptian topic creating a large year group collage of the pyramids. We will also be exploring ancient Egyptian artefacts and creating some of our own, for example our own cartouches out of clay.

ENRICHMENT and ENGAGEMENT - We are keen to make our learning this term as engaging as possible. This will include: investigating the burial chamber of Tutankhamun, the burial ritual, the process of mummification and making our own papyrus. All Year 5 children will also have the opportunity to learn a brass instrument this term and they will also be engaged in Forest School activities every Tuesday. The children will also have swimming lessons on Thursdays during this first half term.

READING:

Reading regularly at home is crucial to ensuring children's progress as readers. Our expectation of reading in Year 5 is that the children read at least three times a week at home, for a minimum of one hour in total. It is important that your child's reading book and reading diary come into school **every day**. The children need to use their reading diary to keep a record of their reading. Each week there is a space for a 'reading reflection'. Guidance on completing this section will be given to the children. Reading diaries will be monitored weekly by Mrs. Ashford and Mrs. Cotter.

The reading diary also includes a section each week for any additional notes regarding homework, reminders for the children, as well as a space for parents to communicate messages to the teachers. If there ever is a message for us, please can you ask your child to hand the diary directly to either Mrs Ashford or Mrs. Cotter, or preferably message us directly via Class Dojo. Our focus text in class this half term is the novel 'The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan. We will be using the text to identify key grammar features, identify the features of mystery/suspense stories and to deepen the level of children's responses in relation to their understanding of the text.

HOMEWORK:

A topic homework sheet has been placed inside your child's new homework book. Homework books will be sent home on a Friday and should be brought into school on a Wednesday. In addition to on-going topic-based homework, English based activities may also be placed in here. For maths- all children will be introduced to the online learning platform 'My Maths.' Weekly online homework, linked to learning in class, will be set on here.

SPELLING:

A spelling list will be sent home each Monday and tested on the Friday of that week. The children have 10 minutes a day in class to practise their spellings using a range of strategies. We will be focusing on both particular spelling patterns and also the statutory Y5/6 words from the National Curriculum that children are expected to know, spell and use in their writing by the end of Year 6.

MENTAL MATHS FOCUS:

In class we are trying to focus on children's general arithmetic and wider problem-solving skills. Times tables will be a main focus as these permeate all maths topics. Please encourage children to continue to practice their times tables using Times Table Rockstars and their basic arithmetic skills.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: Flamingos – Every Monday and Pelicans – Every Tuesday **Forest School:** Every Tuesday for both classes all term

Swimming: Every Thursday from 18/09/19 – 24/09/19 – swimming hats must be worn

Brass: Every Tuesday – Please ensure instruments are brought into school on a Monday ready for their lesson.