



Akrotiri School

Y5

Mrs Ashford & Mrs Cotter

Autumn Term 2 - Information Guide 2019

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

English – This half term we will be focussing on writing explanations for the processes of mummification and the making of papyrus. We will also be writing non-chronological reports about the ancient Egyptians as a way of showing how much we have learnt this term.

Maths – This half term we will continue to develop our skills in addition and subtraction. We will also develop our understanding of statistics by using line graphs to solve a range of problems as well as learning how to complete, read and interpret information shown in tables. Children will also work on developing their understanding of multiplication and division where they will be learning how to multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000, recognise and use square and cube numbers and to use their knowledge of multiplication facts to identify factors, prime factors and prime numbers.

History/Geography – This half term, we will be continuing our study of ancient Egypt. We will be specifically focusing on the process of mummification and why the After Life and burying bodies was so important to the ancient Egyptians. We will be learning about how Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun and we will be investigating why the River Nile was so important to Egypt during this time.

Art – We will be using a range of different media throughout the term. We will be learning how to make our own papyrus and we will be creating our own tomb paintings.

ENRICHMENT and ENGAGEMENT:

We will be holding our Egyptian themed day on Friday 29th November. The children will have the opportunity to make and try a variety of Egyptian dips and food, create some hieroglyphic based art and there will also be an opportunity for your child to share all their learning with you at the end of the day.

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'. Reading diaries will be monitored weekly on a Friday 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 but our preferred method of contact is through Class Dojo if at all possible.

Our focus text this half term continues to be the novel 'The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan. We will be using the text to identify key grammar features and deepen the level of children's responses, in addition to exploring effective story settings.

HOMWORK: Children should continue to work through their current homework sheet based on ancient Egypt. Homework books will be sent home on a Friday and should be brought into school on a weekly basis when completed.

My Maths will also be set regularly.

Times Tables Rockstars will launch in Y5 this week. Log-on details will be written into their homework books.

SPELLING: A spelling list will be sent home each Monday and tested the following Friday. We ask that you support your child at home with these. We are focussing on spelling patterns in conjunction with Year 5 spellings from the National Curriculum.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: Flamingo Class: Every Monday and Thursday
Pelican Class: Every Wednesday and Thursday

Brass lessons: Every Tuesday (please remember your instrument.)

Road Safety Simulation Day: Thursday 21st November

Cinema Visit: Wednesday 20th November