



# Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter – First Half

## Upcoming Events



**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – Squash workshop during PE

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** – Young Voices Choir perform at the O2.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Class Photos

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** – NSPCC to visit

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – PTA Disco

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Internet Safety Day

## P.S.H.E.

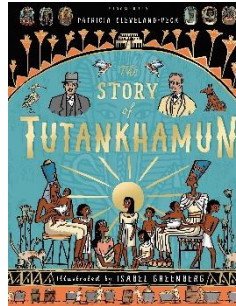


The children will develop relationship skills using Character Strengths, teaching active listening and pausing to understand others' perspectives, helping children build empathy, avoid conflict, and connect gratitude with appreciating viewpoints.

## English



Our topic this half term is *Ancient Egypt: Pharaohs, Pyramids and Papyrus!*



The children will be learning about Tutankhamun and how he came to be King. They will compose a set of instructions titled: *Mummification: A Teacher's Guide for an Apprentice*. Children will explore the use of imperative verbs and embedded clauses within a set of instructions. The children will also develop their vocabulary and will write a descriptive paragraph describing the moment when Howard Carter Discovers Tutankhamun's tomb.

The children will work up to a narrative outcome within *Secrets of a Sun King*. Throughout the unit, they will immerse themselves in the world of the text, exploring the rich characters, historical context, and dramatic events that unfold. A strong emphasis will be placed on vocabulary development as the children expand their word choices, incorporating more descriptive language to bring their writing to life.

## Home Learning



	Details	Days Handed Out	Days Handed Back In
Reading Homework	<b>Essential</b> homework which should be completed as a minimum of three times a week.	Monday	Monday
Spellings	<b>Essential</b> homework where children will learn their spellings each week for a weekly test.	Monday	Monday
Times Tables	<b>Essential</b> homework where children will learn their times tables and complete on Times Tables Rockstars.	Monday	Monday
Maths and English Homework	<b>Extension homework</b> alternating each week between maths and English. Maths will be on 'My Maths' learning platform. English homework will be stuck in to the children's exercise books. Maths will be given feedback through 'My Maths' website.	Monday	Monday
Project Homework	<b>Extension</b> homework which includes one task to be completed as a minimum - the tasks may include maths, English or another subject. <b>Children will have half a term to complete this homework.</b>	Monday	Monday

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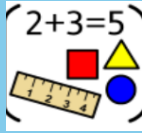


Tag rugby – This unit will develop teamwork, evasion, passing, agility, stamina and speed.

Gymnastics – In this unit the children will develop balancing, rolling, jumping and inverted movements.

Squash – The children will be taking part in a special squash workshop.

## Maths



First, the children will recap and extend their knowledge within multiplication and division. Then, they will move on to make links between fractions, decimals and percentages.

*There is a continual focus on reasoning and applying their mathematical knowledge to solve problems.*

## Science



The children will be learning about *Living Things* and there will be a focus on the overarching question: What is classification?

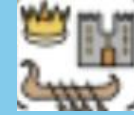
Children will have three knowledge blocks:

Knowledge Block 1: Classifying living things

Knowledge Block 2: Life cycles

Knowledge Block 3: Environmental Change

## History



The children are going to explore Ancient Egypt, where they will learn how to research and identify features of historical significance. They will understand how Britain has been influenced by the wider world, and will be able to explain, with examples, why certain sources might be unreliable. Additionally, they will construct simple reasoned arguments about various aspects of events, periods, and civilizations studied.

## Religious Education



The overarching theme is 'Wisdom,' and the children will explore Sacred Books, specifically *The Bible* and *The Qur'an*. They will learn how these texts provide guidance and wisdom.

## Art & Design



The children will make links to their English and history topic on 'Ancient Egyptians.' They will design their own headdresses, incorporating elements of hieroglyphs, as they explore the symbolism and creativity of ancient Egyptian art.

## Computing



The children will continue to enhance their coding skills using the program Scratch. They will learn how to design and create their own code building on their previous learning.

## Music



The children will continue to explore Kandinsky's links to music through his synaesthesia within our 'Order to Disorder' unit. They will be focusing on composing their own piece on the glockenspiel.

## Design



## Technology

The children will be making pizza as part of a cooking unit, where they will learn essential culinary skills. They will make the dough from scratch and will prepare/chop their toppings.

## French



The children will learn about places around school and express opinions, while revising physical descriptions, learning basic job vocabulary, and practicing the future tense.