

Nightingale Class

Our new learning theme for this half term is...

Walk like an Egyptian?

Our focus this half term will be history based, focusing on Ancient Egypt. The pupils will be researching Ancient Egypt and also comparing it to the modern day. This should be a very enjoyable learning theme that we can access through many areas of our curriculum including English and Science.

In **English**, we are exploring Ancient Egypt through *The Boy Who Stole the Pharaoh's Lunch* by Terry Deary. Pupils will write descriptive paragraphs about Ancient Egypt's landscapes and daily life, focusing on expanded noun phrases, prepositions, and varied sentence openers. They will also create a non-fiction report on healthy eating in Ancient Egypt, developing their research, organization, and non-chronological writing skills.

Our **Maths** this half term will focus on multiplication for the first couple of weeks. We will be building on our understanding of times tables and learning to multiply and divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number

Then we will move on to look at units of measurement from millimetres to metres and measuring length accurately.

Reminders:

Please can your child bring their reading book to school every day.

PE will be on Mondays when we will be looking to fitness with activities based around orienteering. Please make sure you send your child to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays.

As part of our healthy eating approach, we do not allow squash or flavoured water in school, so please ensure your child has only water in their bottle. If your child would like a snack at break times we ask that you send them to school with fresh fruit or vegetables to promote a healthy diet.

How to support your child at home:

Sharing stories and listening to your child read can really help further their learning at home. I completely understand that life can be busy, but even 10 minutes a day can make a big difference. Pupils will need to bring their books to school each day as we read regularly in class. Aim for 25 time each half term

Your child should be logging onto Times Tables Rockstars as often as possible to work on their recall of the times tables. There are also plenty of games and activities available on Purple Mash. If you need any help logging in with these please let me know.



In **Science** we will also investigate healthy food and create an Ancient Egyptian meal.

We will study maps to locate Ancient Egypt and the River Nile, comparing its physical and human **geography** with modern Egypt.

We will create a timeline of key events in Ancient Egypt, in **History**, exploring daily life for different social classes, investigate the significance of monumental achievements like pyramid building, and compare Ancient Egypt to other cultures.

We will design and craft masks inspired by burial tradition in art and I design and construct working models of a shaduf and sundial in **DT**.

Links to previous learning...

Our theme work will also give us a chance to revisit our earlier work on Stone Age Britain to compare it to Ancient Egypt and other ancient civilisations around at a similar point in time.

Dates for your diary:

NSPCC Number Day – 7th February

Safer Internet Day – 11th February

Parents Evenings – 12th & 13th February

Half Term - Monday 17th- Friday 21st February