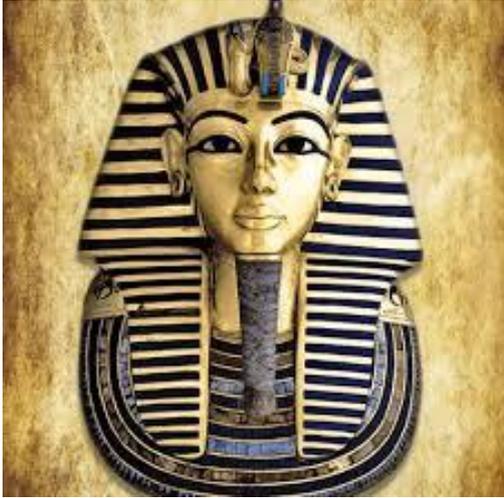


Year 5 Newsletter – Spring 1



Welcome back after our short break. We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas.

Our topic this half term is **Pharaohs!** Below is an overview of what we will be learning over the next half term.

English-

Throughout this half term, we will be continuing to look at improving our vocabulary to engage the reader. With the use of our topic, we will be writing in different genres to instruct people how to embalm mummies, report on the tomb of Tutankhamun and creating travel brochures for holidays in Egypt.

Maths-

In Maths this half term, we will be continuing to focus on perimeter and area, as well as multiplication division. We are starting our half term off with focusing on perimeter and area. During this topic we will be calculating the perimeter and also alternative methods of calculating the area of different shapes. As with last half term, we will be continuing to enrich children's mathematical vocabulary.

Topic-

Our topic this half term is 'Pharaohs'. We will be looking into Ancient Egypt and how the Pharaohs ruled the city. We will also be looking at the river Nile and its significance in the country of Egypt. Our Art and DT skills will be put to the test when we design and make tombs for the Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt.

Science-

In Science this half term, our topic focus will be 'Materials'. Throughout this topic, we will be designing and undertaking experiments which look at a range of materials and the durability of the materials.

Important Information

Reading – please read at home each night with your child. It is extremely important that children are reading regularly to support their learning. Children must read a minimum of **5 times per week**. We will be checking reading diaries each day to monitor reading at home.

Homework-

Homework is to be handed in on a **Wednesday** to be marked and handed out again on a Friday.

Key Dates

11/1- Trip to the Oriental Museum

15/1- Trip to Middlesbrough Cathedral

17/1- Year 5 Class Mass @St Alphonsus' Church