



Year 5 Herons Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 1!

We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an action-packed half term!

Our learning will be centred around **Ancient Egyptians** this half term.



Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 8th January Years 4 and 5 Apollo Music trip

Friday 16th January Year 5 Assembly 3.10pm, top hall

Tuesday 20th January Year 5 perform at the Hackney Music Gala 6pm

Tuesday 27th January Aviary coffee afternoon 2.30-3.30pm

Friday 30th January Year 5 trip Petrie Museum

Friday 13th February Parents in Class 2.45pm

Friday 13th February end of Spring 1

Monday 16th- Friday 20th February half term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February half term camp and preschool open

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

Trips and Visits

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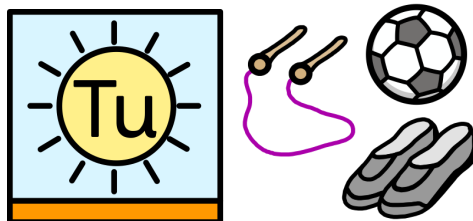
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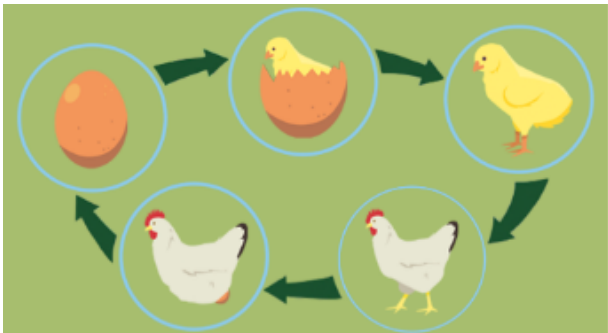
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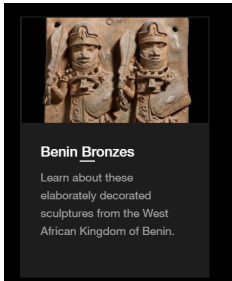

PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Tuesday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Tuesdays**.



Reading	Writing
<p>This half term we will be reading ‘Ancient Egypt Sleepover’ by Stephen Davies as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of mystery and adventure that will help inspire our writing.</p> <p>Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finding information in the text - Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words - Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters - Making predictions about what will happen next <p>To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:</p> <p>https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/</p>	<p>Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of Ancient Egyptian and the book ‘There’s a Pharaoh in our Bath’ by Jeremy Strong. Using this text, the children will write a setting description, a non-chronological report based on the lifestyles and beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians and a balanced argument. The balanced argument will focus on whether Britain should keep or return artefacts obtained from other countries.</p> <p>During these units, the pupils will focus on adding relative clauses to their work. For example:</p> <p>The Ancient Egyptians built pyramids, which were huge stone structures, as tombs for their pharaohs.</p> <p>Please see the link below for further information linked to relative clauses.:</p> <p>Relative Clauses</p> <p>Please support your child’s spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings.</p>
Maths	Science
<p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p>Fractions, decimals and percentages- learning how to divide whole numbers into fractions, how to add and subtract amounts in decimals and to convert fractions into percentages.</p> <p>In addition, we will learn how to read tables and line graphs.</p> <p>Order and compare fractions, decimals and percentages by converting them - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize</p> <p>What is $\frac{12}{25}$ as a percentage?</p> $\frac{12}{25} = \frac{48}{100}$ <p>If you multiply both the numerator and denominator by 4 you find the equivalent fraction with a denominator of 100.</p>	<p>Our Science topic this half term will be around ‘Life Cycles.’ We will explore the life cycles of different animal groups including amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds.</p> <p>We will develop our scientific skills by researching, recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigations and results.</p> <p>The link below provides some useful information about the topic we will be studying:</p> <p>What is a life cycle? – KS2 Science curriculum - BBC Bitesize</p> 

History and Geography		Campaign	
<p>In History, we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians.</p> <p>In this unit, pupils develop a secure understanding of Ancient Egypt through history and geography. They locate Egypt using maps and atlases, study the River Nile, climate and physical features, and explore how these influenced settlement and civilisation. Children place Ancient Egypt on a world timeline and compare it with life in Britain at the same time. They investigate artefacts and primary sources to understand Egyptologists’ work, including Howard Carter’s discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb. Pupils learn about pharaohs, dynasties, gods, myths, and religious beliefs, including the afterlife and mummification. They explore the development and purpose of pyramids, apply historical vocabulary, and build enquiry skills through writing, debate, art, ICT and educational visits.</p> <p>Ancient Egypt Facts</p>		<p>Our class campaign this term is linked to ‘Keep Kind.’ We will be discussing whether Britain should keep the artefacts we have in our museums or return them to the countries they were found in.</p> <div><p>Should museums return their colonial artefacts?</p><div><p>Benin Bronzes Learn about these elaborately decorated sculptures from the West African Kingdom of Benin.</p></div></div> <p>Should Britain return historical artefacts to their country of origin?</p> <p>A third of Brits think artefacts taken by Britain are just as much a part of British history as the history of the country they came from</p>	
ICT	Flat-file Databases This unit looks at how a flat-file database can be used to organise data in records.		
PSHE	Dreams and Goals We will discuss the dreams and goals we have for our futures and how we can plan to achieve these. We will understand that some of these goals and dreams may need a lot of hard work and therefore motivation.		
RE	Buddhism Our question is ‘What is the best way for a Buddhist to show commitment to their beliefs?’ We will look at the core beliefs of Buddhism and the different ways a Buddhist can be committed.		
PE	PE lessons this half term will focus on Hockey. Class PE Day: Tuesday		
Music	Rock Music The children will be exploring rock music and will be learning the song ‘Livin’ on a Prayer.’ Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.		
Art	This term in Art, the children will be using clay to create their own canopic jars, linked to their topic of Ancient Egypt. They will be planning their design, moulding their own jar and using paints to create an Ancient Egyptian effect.		
DT and Cooking	Cooking This half term in Cooking, we will be making pastas. In Year 5, we will be learning how to make a roux and will use this to make macaroni cheese.		
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.			
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