

TWYFORD ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sycamore Class Weekly Newsletter

Week beginning: 3rd September 2024

Our topic is: 'Tomb Raiders'

Welcome to Sycamore Class! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to hearing about what you have been up to. We have a very exciting and fun-filled year planned, including lots of interesting topics, fun science investigations and great trips. We look forward to telling you all about it in the 'Meet the Teacher' evening next week.

The Tic Tac Toe home learning grid will appear at the start of every half term. We would love to see what you create, so please bring them in to show us!

We hope you all have a wonderful week back!

Mrs Hughes and Ms White

Our Curriculum this week:



Core Subjects



In English, we are reading and exploring the book *Cinderella of the Nile* and looking specifically at the vocabulary used within the narrative.

In Maths, we are focusing on place value up to hundreds (year 3s) and thousands (year 4). We will be exploring the value of each digit and will start to compare and order numbers.

In Reading, we will be taking the time to read with the children, helping them to select an appropriate reading book for quiet reading and exploring the library.

Foundation Subjects

This week, we will be starting our new topic 'Tomb Raiders', which is all about the Ancient Egyptians. We'll begin by exploring how long ago the civilisation existed.

The children will be having PE lessons on Monday and Wednesday afternoons so please can they bring in a named kit on these days.

Spellings

Spellings will begin next week

How you can help at home...



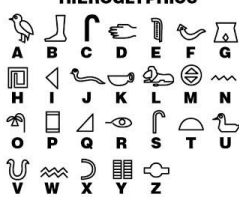





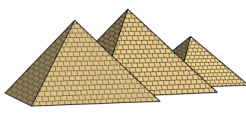
Please encourage children to log onto TTRockstars at home to practise their times tables. Please let us know if you have mislaid your child's log in.

Please continue to read with your child daily. You could start a new book together and look for clues within the beginning of the book about what might happen during the rest of the story.

Sycamore Home Learning: Autumn 1

Please complete the tasks from the tic-tac-toe grid **over this half term**. The reading task is a ***MUST DO*** job. Home learning is to be submitted via admin office email or handed directly to Ms White or Mrs Hughes and will be celebrated in class

Year 3 to complete 3 tasks, Year 4 to complete 4.

<p style="text-align: center;">ANCIENT EGYPT HIEROGLYPHICS</p>  <p>Explore the Ancient Egyptian writing of hieroglyphics. Try and write your name using the characters and you could even try and create a treasure hunt for someone else using it.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Animals of the Nile</p> <p>Using the internet and non-fiction books, find out about some of the animals that live by the Nile. Create a fact file about one of them including information about their diet, their appearance and any other fas-</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Can you make the largest number?</p> <p>Roll a dice. Choose where to put the digit on a place value grid up to a thousand. E.g. if you roll a 1 you would put it in the ones column, if you roll a 5 you might put it in the hundred column.</p> <p>You can then play with a partner and have a competition to see who can get the highest number.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Musical bottles</p>  <p>Fill a few bottles with different amounts of water. Blow over the top of them to create a whistling noise.</p> <p>Does the sound change if there are different amounts of water? Why do you think this is?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Must do reading job</p> <p>Pick a book which you have really enjoyed and then write a book review about it. Include what the book was about, who were the main characters and who would enjoy it. You could then give it a rating out of 10.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Egyptian Gods</p>  <p>Create your own version of an Egyptian God and name him or her.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mummification</p>  <p>Write down a set of instructions for mummifying a body. You could research using the internet or an information book</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Egyptian Designer</p>  <p>Design a piece of Ancient Egyptian jewellery. What materials (metals and stones) would have been available at the time?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Making your own pyramid</p>  <p>Can you make a pyramid? You could make it out of lego, cardboard boxes or you could even bake a cake!</p>

Please don't forget to take time to read to someone at home and practise your times tables (you could use Times Tables Rock Stars!)