

TWYFORD ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sycamore Class Weekly Newsletter

Week beginning: 18th November 2024

Our topic is: Tomb Raiders

It was wonderful meeting so many of you at parents evening last week and being able to share your children's incredible pieces of work and their achievements with you.

Thank you also for sending your children in with their brilliant home learning so far this term. We have been so impressed by the Cleopatra artwork, costings for dream trips, fact files and research about how girls and boys lived in the Ancient Egyptian times. We love seeing these fantastic creations and are so impressed with the children's efforts.

If you haven't done so yet, please would you be able to contribute to the Ancient Egyptian day which is coming up on Thursday 12th December. Please log onto your Scopay account to pay the £12 which will cover the cost of the workshop.

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Best wishes, Mrs Hughes and Ms White

Our Curriculum this week:



Core Subjects



In English, we are focusing on non-chronological reports (NCR). We will be identifying key features, developing and extending our sentences and even creating our very own river, ready for the following week where we will create our own NCR.

In Maths, we will continue to explore fractions. The year 3s will be comparing and ordering fractions and the year 4s will be introduced to mixed number fractions.

In Reading, we are focusing on retrieving information by scanning and finding the key words in the question and then in the text.

In Science, we are investigating whether all metals are magnetic. The children will come up with their own enquiry to answer the question: are all metals magnetic?

Foundation Subjects

History— We will explore Cleopatra's legacy and examine the differing opinions of her through history

French— We will how to describe our height and eye colour

Computing— We will be learning to use formulae to calculate.

PE- Our PE days are on Mondays and Wednesdays.



Spellings

This week we are learning how to spell words where 'kn' and 'gn' make a /n/ sound at the beginning of words.

knock, know, knee, knew, kneel, knit, knight, gnome, gnat, gnaw

How you can help at home...

Please continue to encourage children to log onto TTRockstars at home to practise their times tables.

Please continue to read with your child daily. One of the viper skills which we continually practise is summarising a text so once you have completed a book together you could sum up the main events in the story.

Sycamore Home Learning: Autumn 2

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>Spreadsheets</p>  <p>Research your dream holiday—how much is accommodation, flights etc? Put all the costs on to a spreadsheet to see how much it would cost.</p>	<p>Magnet Investigator</p>  <p>If you have a magnet at home, discover objects in your house which are magnetic and which are not. Present your findings.</p>	<p>Garden Collector</p>  <p>Go into your garden and collect 10 different items. Find 3 different ways to categorise them. You might think about their size, textures, dead or alive, vertebrates or invertebrates etc. Take a picture of your different categories.</p>
<p>Portrait of Cleopatra</p>  <p>Draw or paint a portrait of Cleopatra. Look at the different representations of her over time on the internet. Consider the clothes and jewellery she'd wear.</p>	<p>Must do reading job</p> <p>Choose a book which you have enjoyed. Write a set of comprehension questions for a member of your family to complete. Share the book and challenge them to get full marks.</p>	<p>Life in the Ancient Egypt times</p>  <p>Research and present what it was like for a girl or a boy in the Ancient Egyptian times. How does it compare to today?</p>
<p>Fact File of Cleopatra</p>  <p>Find out about the famous queen and make a fact file all about this Ancient Egyptian icon</p>	<p>Ancient Egyptian Games</p>  <p>The Egyptians enjoyed playing board games. One of these was called Senet. Research the game and then make your own version before playing with friends and family</p>	<p>Ancient Egyptian Menu</p>  <p>Research some of the food which the Ancient Egyptians would have eaten. Pick a recipe which you'd like to try and make it at home for you and your family to try.</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!)