

# The Pharaoh's Tomb

## Autumn Term 1

This topic has been designed to develop the children's understanding of ancient civilizations and how their beliefs and rituals impacted their daily routines. The children will read the text, 'The Story of Tutankhamun', by Patricia Cleveland Peck to explore life of King Tutankhamun and develop their understanding of Ancient Egypt. The children will participate take part in a range of role play and practical activities to retell and hypothesize the mysteries surrounding Tutankhamun's death.



### English



During this topic the children will be exploring a range of different non-fiction texts including instructions for how to mummify a tomato and news reports about the death and discovery of Tutankhamun. In addition to this, the children will also be writing news reports and performing them using green screen technology.

### Maths

This half term we will be focusing on developing place value and number skills. The children will be developing their understanding of 3 and 4 digit numbers when investigating place value and will also be developing their understanding of mental and written methods of addition and subtraction.

We will also be revising key skills from Year 2 that the children may need to practise.

### Science

In this topic, the children will learn about human and animal skeletons and will find similarities and difference between them. The children will also learn about how muscles are used to support skeletal structures as well as provide protection and facilitate movement.



### Art

In Art this half term, the children will be exploring a number of ancient artefacts and will create their own versions of some of these. The children will make canopic jars, cartouches and portraits of themselves as Egyptian Pharaohs.



### Computing

During Computing this half term, the children will be focussing on word processing. The children will type up their instructions on how to mummify a tomato and will be taught how to insert bullet points and numbers. In addition to this, the children will write and deliver news reports using green screen technology and will show these to other year groups.

### PE

The children will be developing their gymnastics

skills. They will be practising a range of point and patch balances and will combine these with a number of different stretches. In addition, the children will also develop a number of travelling styles and will learn to transition between these.

### Ways to help at home

Please continue to support your child with their weekly homework, spellings and times tables. You can also help your child by encouraging them to read daily. Reading to an adult and discussing a book is really beneficial your child's learning and will help increase their reading stamina.

### Important dates

### Reminders

**PE:** Please can all children have an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school at all times. Children must have shorts and a t-shirt in their PE kit as well as suitable footwear for the field. **Please ensure that your child also has jogging bottoms or tracksuits as the weather can be very cold at times.**

**Library:** This half term, the library will not be open for the children to visit as a class or at break/lunch times. Instead, the children will be able to choose from a selection of library books provided to each class each week.

**Homework:** We would like to encourage parents to ensure their children complete their homework on Times Tables Rock Stars as we assess completion of each activity to ensure all children are progressing with their learning of these key skills. Also please record your child's reading in their reading records as these are checked weekly.