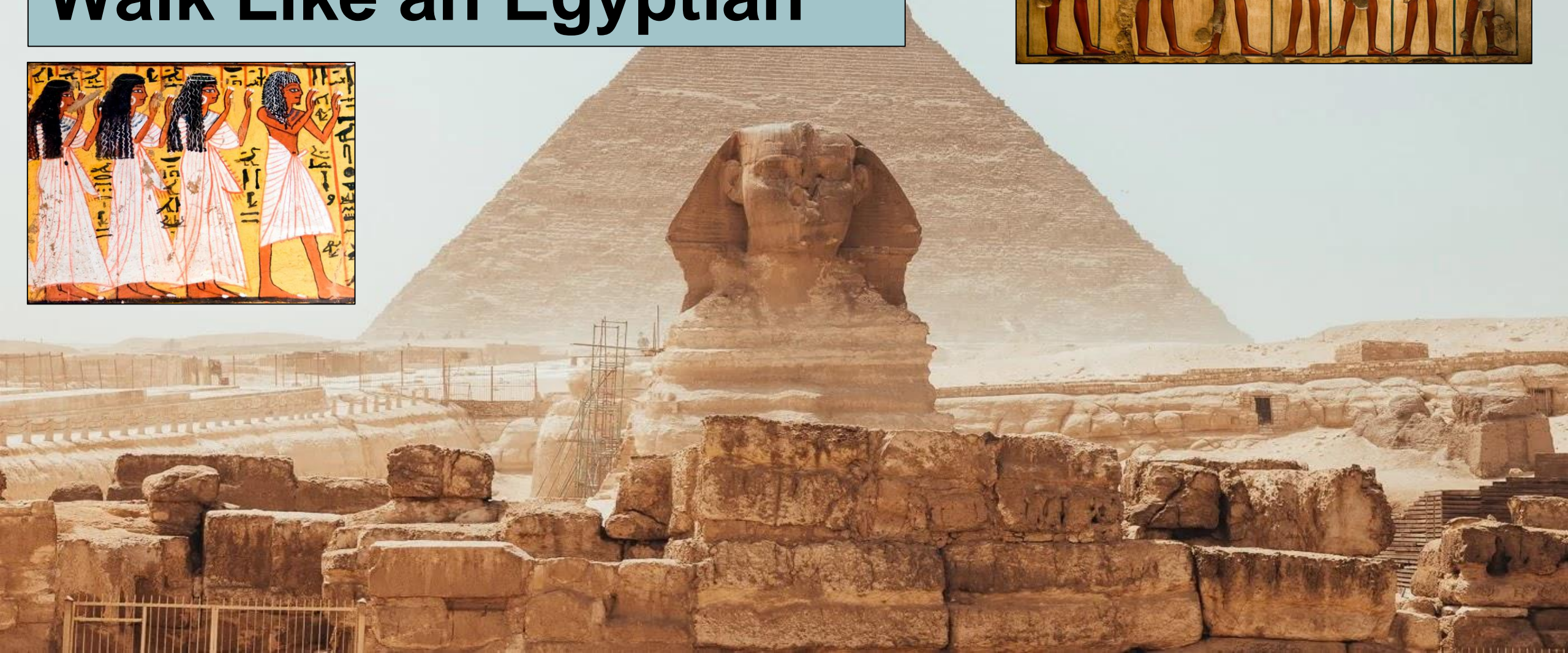


Year 4
Summer term 2024
Curriculum Newsletter

Walk Like an Egyptian



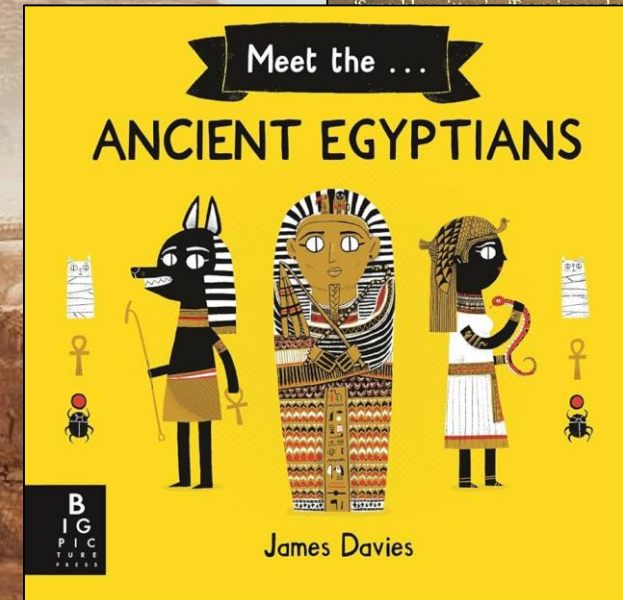
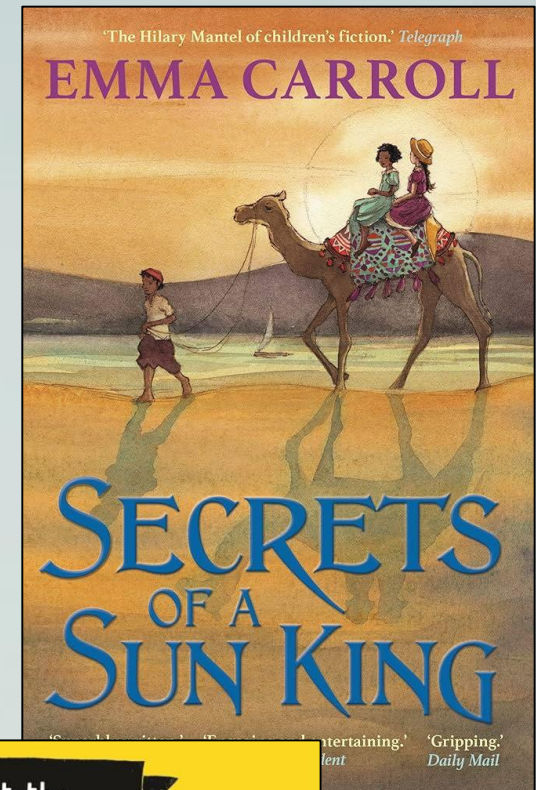
Throughout our **history** lessons, we will be learning about some of the earliest civilisations before focusing in on the ancient Egyptians. We will explore The Old Kingdom, The Middle Kingdom, and The New Kingdom. Along the way, we will learn about the significant achievements of the ancient Egyptians, as well as their Gods and key figures like Tutankhamun.

Our **geography** lessons start with a focus on the features of Rivers, particularly the ancient Egyptians' nearby river. We will then move onto learning about the water cycle, how it works and what affects it.

Our **Maths** lessons will start with a focus on consolidating written methods for the four operations, and exploring decimal numbers and money. We will then move onto building on our prior knowledge of length, mass and volume, geometry and position and movement from previous year groups.

Our **English** lessons will initially be based on the non-fiction book 'Meet the... Ancient Egyptians' by James Davies. We will use this book to find out more about the ancient Egyptians, alongside our history lessons, and will take inspiration from this to create our own instructions and brochure.

Following this, we will move on to read the exciting mystery that plays out in 'Secrets of a Sun King'. Through this book we will continue to explore narrative writing tools, understand characters and become immersed in the world created by the author, Emma Carroll.



Science

Science sessions will involve learning how animals and plants are classified into different categories according to their properties. We shall then learn about the positive and negative impacts that humans have had on animal and plant environments around the world.

In the electricity unit of learning, children will investigate making circuits and extend their understanding of circuits, conductors and insulators and the need for a complete circuit in order for a device to work. Children are introduced to ways in which they can vary the current in a circuit.

Computing

This unit brings together data measurement, analysis and presentation, as the children take on the role of meteorologists and weather presenters.

Art

In our art lessons, we will be exploring the sculpture, looking at different materials and adding texture. In second week of the final half term, the whole school will be getting creative for our Art Week, where we will use the upcoming olympics as an inspiration for many projects.

Religious Education

In the summer term, we will learn about Rites of Passage from a range of world religions before exploring places of worship with a focus on their importance to religious communities.

PE

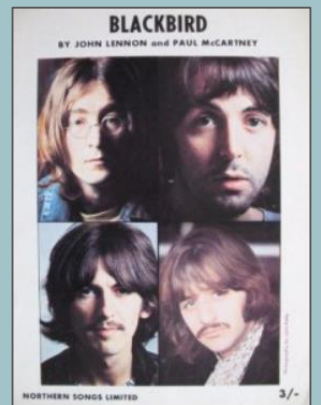
During the summer term, we shall be learning different skills linked to athletics, in preparation for our annual Sports Day. As well as this, we will take part in units that focus on badminton and cricket, where we will be developing our serving, batting and throwing skills.

PSHE

Protective Behaviours and keeping ourselves safe will be the focus of PSHE lessons in the first half term. This will be followed by our Relationships, Sex and Health Education unit and studying refugees in the present day.

Music

Using Charanga, we will be learning how to perform the famous Beatles song, Blackbird. The song was inspired by racial tensions in Southern states of the USA in the late 1960s.



Take Home Tasks

You can either bring these projects into class to show your classmates or upload a photograph to the Google class stream.

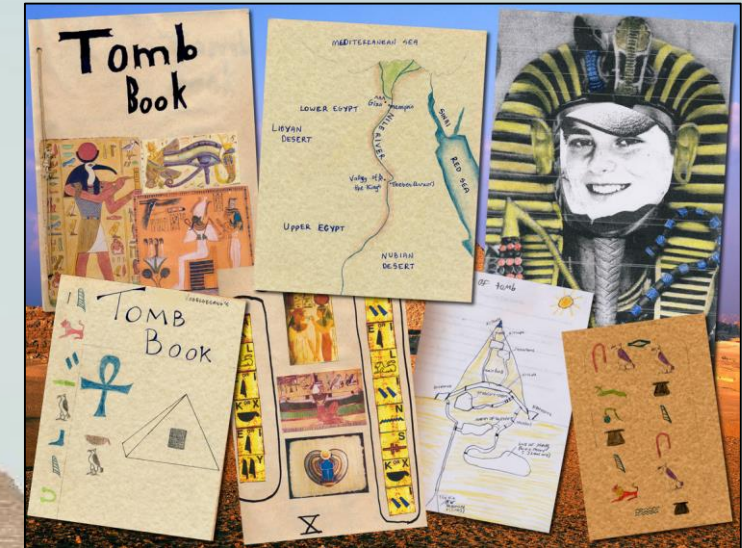
DESIGN and MAKE - ART, DESIGN TECHNOLOGY AND MATHS

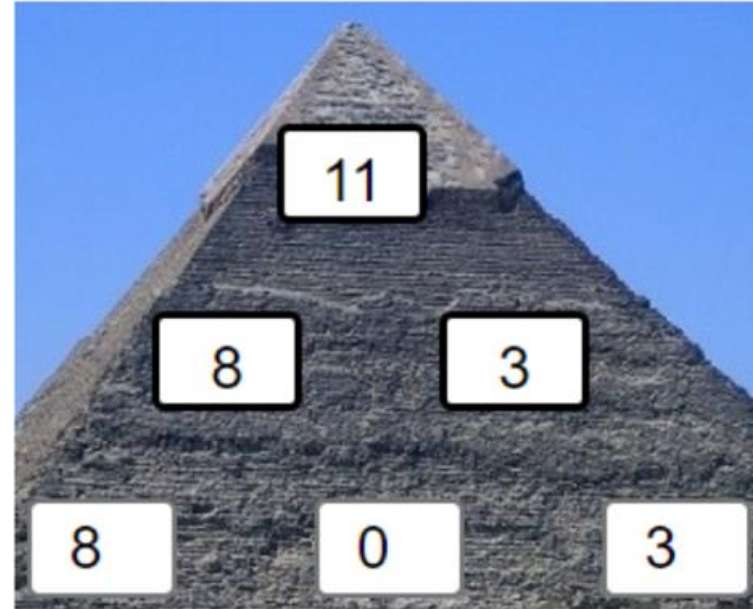
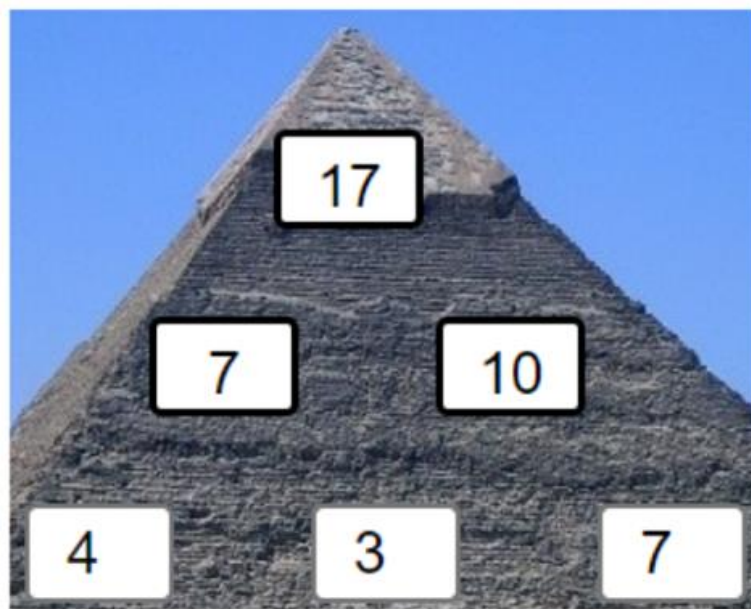
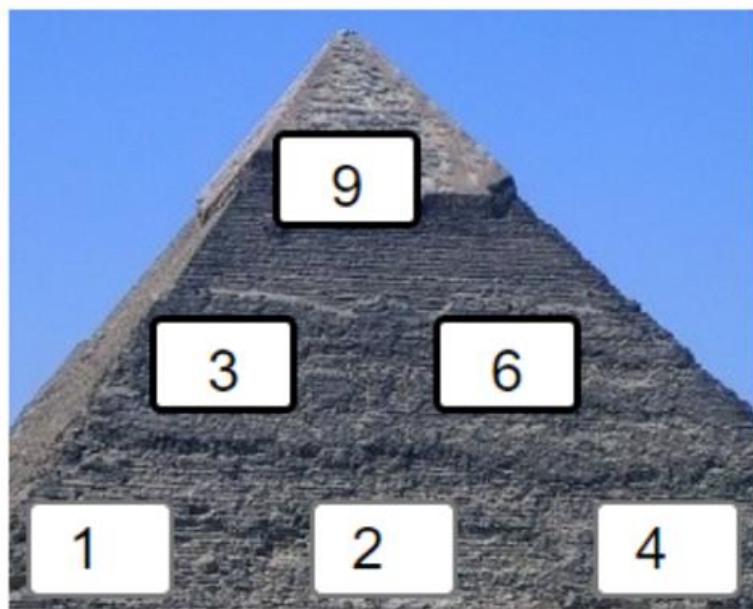
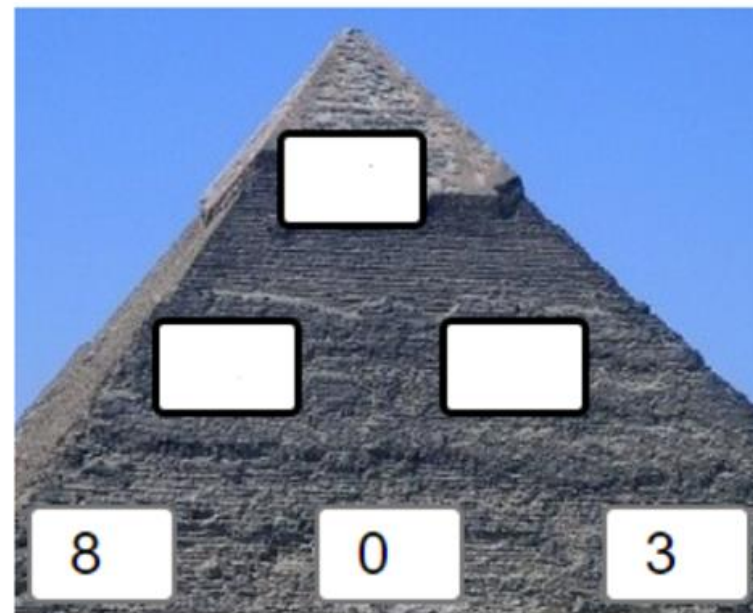
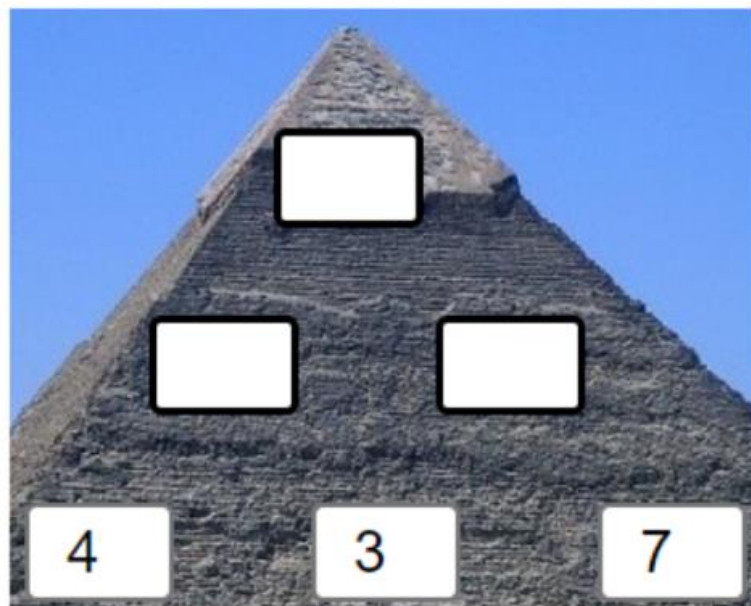
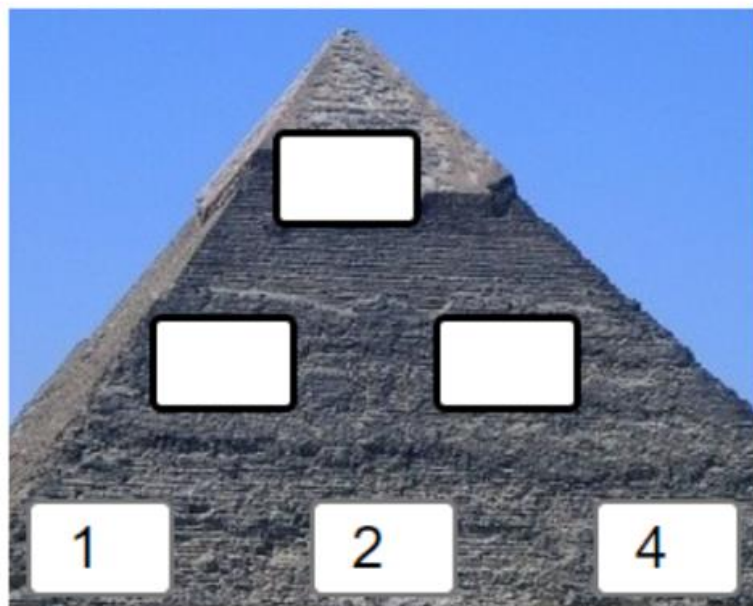
- Make an Egyptian mask
- Design your own Egyptian god
- Make your own papyrus from brown paper, glue and water
- Hold an Egyptian banquet
- Explore the ancient Egyptian number system
- Complete the number pyramids on the next page and then try creating your own

RESEARCH - HISTORY, SCIENCE AND ENGLISH

- Create your own Ancient Egyptians quiz
- Make a fact file about an aspect of ancient Egyptian life, e.g. gods
- Try mummifying a tomato using salt and bicarbonate of soda
- Try writing something in hieroglyphs
- Write a newspaper report about the discovery of something from ancient Egypt

If you have any other ideas for tasks, please feel free to be imaginative- we always love seeing what pupils have created.





Fortnightly Home Learning Tasks

Children will be set fortnightly home learning tasks which they will be expected to complete by the following Wednesday. These will comprise of a spelling task, a maths task and an English based task, which may have a reading focus or a creative writing focus. We are attempting to develop pupil resilience and encourage them to take risks so even if they are unsure of an answer, we would like them to make an attempt. These tasks may be completed in the Google Classroom or on paper.

Take Home Tasks

A sheet of suggested take home tasks is included. Children can choose an activity from these to complete alongside their home learning. During this term, please try to encourage your child to complete as many of the tasks as possible in an imaginative way. These tasks are designed to be family projects where all members of the family can get involved with bringing our current topic to life at home. We would suggest that you try to complete at least two of these tasks during the term. You could also come up with ideas of your own. The tasks can be completed/uploaded in the Google Classroom if you wish.

Thank you ever so much for your continued help and support with your child's learning.

PE will take place on the following days (please wear your PE kit to school on these days):

4 Amber: Monday and Thursday

4 Sapphire: Tuesday and Wednesday

4 Blue: Wednesday (swimming) and Friday

4 Red: Tuesday and Wednesday (swimming)

4 Green: Thursday and Friday

4 Yellow: Tuesday and Thursday



School Term Dates 2023-24

	September 2023					October 2023					November 2023					December 2023				
Monday	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Tuesday	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31

	January 2024					February 2024					March 2024					April 2024				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
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Sunday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	

	May 2024					June 2024					July 2024					August 2024				
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Key

Bank holidays (see details below)

School holidays

INSET day for most pupils

(5 INSET days in total, chosen by individual schools)

First day of term for pupils

Last day of term

Bank holidays 2023/24

Christmas Day	Monday 25 December 2023
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December 2023
New Year's Day	Monday 1 January 2024
Good Friday	Friday 29 March 2024
Easter Monday	Monday 1 April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 26 August 2024

Number of days (total requirement 195)

Autumn 1 st half	36
Autumn 2 nd half	35
Spring 1 st half	29
Spring 2 nd half	29
Summer 1 st half	29
Summer 2 nd half	37

TOTAL 195 days
(includes 5 INSET days)