



**Spring 2
2021**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for all of your support over the past half term. Spring 1 has been a very different type of term and not what we originally expected it to be. However, we have been very impressed with the hard work, resilience and amazing technological skills of the pupils in Year 6. The government announced that the official Key Stage 2 SATs assessments would not be taking place like originally planned in May. Nevertheless, we will continue to revise and consolidate all core objectives from Key Stage 2 during the next half term. It is important to ensure children are fully prepared and ready for their transition to high school and, as a result, children will take part in assessments in the summer term. These will be used to form teacher assessments and support children as they progress to secondary school. We will continue to work hard and have high expectations of pupils during our Math and English revision sessions.

Throughout the year, we have strived to provide a broad and balanced curriculum. Consequently, whilst revising, we will also launch an exciting topic to capture the children's interest and imagination. The topic "Pharaohs" in the afternoon sessions, will cover aspects of ancient Egyptian history. We also make links to our topic during reading and writing sessions in English. We will spend time preparing children for High School and supporting them in their transition to Key Stage 3.

Thank you for your continued support.
Year 6 Teachers

Maths

During this half term, children will revise how to find the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes. They will also learn to apply their skills by solving problems to find the area and perimeter of compound shapes as well. Children will be introduced to new learning involving finding the area of triangles and parallelograms. Furthermore, we will also explore how to find the volume of 3D shapes. In addition, we will learn about ratio and proportion. We will explore how to scale up and down, solving a variety of real life problems.

Alongside this new learning, we will continue to perfect arithmetic skills including written calculation, times tables knowledge, fractions, percentages and decimals. It is vital that children can apply these skills accurately and efficiently.

English

Our English writing units this half term will include writing a newspaper report into Pharaoh Tutankhamun's mysterious death at a young age. Was it murder? Following this, we will write instructions for mummifying a body to ensure its safe arrival in the afterlife.

Our final writing this half term will be a portal story, watching a modern-day character in a museum being whisked off to ancient Egypt after touching an artefact. How will this character get back home safely?

We will also continue with regular independent reading, text analysis, comprehension work and daily reading of a new exciting class novel.

Pharaohs

Let's travel back 5000 years, to the dusty realms of ancient Egypt. Cruise along the Nile, entering a world of mysteries and curses, mummies and kings. We will find out about life on the river's fertile banks, discovering Egypt and its fascinating culture. Stepping into the archaeologist Howard Carter's footsteps, we will unravel the secrets and fascinating treasures of ancient tombs, using historical sources and ancient artefacts.

Our research will include finding out about powerful pharaohs and grandiose gods. We will make a nemes (headcloth worn by Pharaohs) to really look the part. Finally, we will become an apprentice and work for Ramose, the chief embalmer at the Beautiful House by helping him to prepare a body for its journey into the afterlife.

Now open the doorway to ancient Egypt. Who knows what treasures you will find?

