

19th September 2018

Dear Parents

Over this term the children in year 3 and 4 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on ancient civilisations called 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures'. This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum.

Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects. During this unit we will be focusing on History, Music, Art and International.

In History, we'll be:

- Finding out about the importance of rivers to ancient civilisations
- Finding out about the daily life of Ancient Egyptians
- Learning how to write using Egyptian hieroglyphics
- Finding out about the different rulers of Egypt
- Finding out about Ancient Egyptian religion and burials
- Exploring how the pyramids were built
- Finding out about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb
- Using sources to find out about the Ancient Sumer civilisation
- Comparing life in Ancient Sumer with life in Ancient Egypt

In Music, we'll be:

- Learning about the instruments used in Ancient Egypt and Ancient Sumer
- Creating our own music to retell a story from an ancient civilisation

In Art, we'll be:

- Creating our tomb wall painting
- Making an Ancient Egyptian headdress

All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning objectives and develop their knowledge, skills and understanding. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work.

Your child has been given a home learning log where they are expected to complete at least one activity this term. Learning logs need to be returned to school no later than Monday 19th November. Encourage your child's interest and curiosity in ancient civilisations by looking at books and websites together and talking about them. If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

As part of the unit we are hoping to visit Bolton Museum to complete a workshop where the children will get the opportunity to explore Ancient Egyptian artefacts. We will send you more information about this visit nearer the time.

If you have any comments about the work your child has done, please get in touch.

Thank you

Year 3 and 4 Team