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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a wonderful break. As we progress into the second term, I am including an overview of some of the topics that your child will be covering over the next half term which will help to support your child's learning.

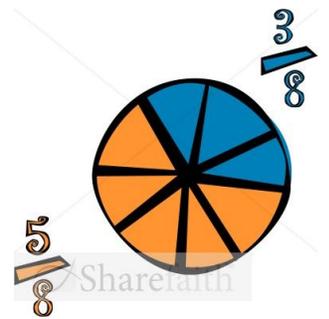


In Year 5 this half term, the children will be studying the Egyptians in our topic 'You've been mummified!'. Accompanying this topic, the book we will be reading in our guided reading sessions is 'The Story of Tutankhamun', where children will discover the troubles Tutankhamun faced as a young king, his untimely death, and his legacy, which lay hidden for centuries. In Topic lessons, the children will be learning about where Ancient Egypt fits into the world timeline, Egyptian Gods, the process of mummification, Egyptian life and beliefs and importance of the Nile. They may even get a chance to try out the process of mummification themselves!

Further to this, in English, they will be developing their understanding of writing to inform through newspaper reports (about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb) and blogs. The children will continue to develop their writing skills and, amongst other things, will use subordinating conjunctions in varied positions, expanded noun phrases to inform, relative clauses to add further detail. They will also begin to use passive voice to remain formal or detached and colons to link related clauses (e.g. England was a good country to invade: it had plenty of useful land).

In RE, they will be learning about Islam and this will be enriched by a trip to the Mosque on 14th February. On the Tuesday of the first week back after half term, the children will be visiting the British Museum to consolidate their learning about the Egyptians and bring it to life.

Fractions, decimal, and percentages will be the focus for Maths this half term. As well as an introduction to the equivalence of fractions, decimals and percentages, the children will learn about their use as ways of expressing proportions. Amongst other things, they will be learning about equivalent fractions, mixed and improper fractions, ordering and comparing, and adding and subtracting fractions. They will be learning about thousandths in decimals, rounding numbers with two decimal places, as well as being able to read, write, order and compare numbers with up to 3 decimal places. They will begin to learn about percentages as 'number of parts out of 100' and as a fraction out of 100, as well as some simple equivalences between fractions, decimals and percentages.



In terms of supporting your child's learning at home, the teachers would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring children are reading for at least 20 minutes per day and signing their Reading Records. Where possible, practising their times tables to become fluent in their recall is an invaluable tool to help them progress in Maths. There are many games online to help children practise their times tables, including those which are available on Mathletics.

Please can I remind parents that the school policy states that children must wear black shoes and not trainers.

Kind regards,

Mr Khan  
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