

Curriculum Newsletter

April 2024



This half term in Warrior Class

Our Big Questions

What is important to me in life and why?

What do I want to be remembered for?

Our Topic this half term will be “Mummified”. Pupils will use creative activities to explore key figures who lived during the Ancient Egyptian period and their achievements. We will also be looking at the importance of the River Nile and what life was like for those at different levels in Ancient Egyptian society.

This week we have looked at what food was like for different types of Ancient Egyptians and the pupils cooked honey and apricot parcels. They were very brave and tried a number of foods they had not tasted before like dried apricots, pomegranate seeds and melon. Over the coming weeks they will use hieroglyphics, research the use of sarcophaguses and the importance of grave goods. We will relate this to what is important in their own lives, what they would like to be remembered for and how this is different for each of us. The focus will be on achievements and positive qualities rather than the concept of loss. This area of the project links with the school's first anniversary time capsule and will encourage pupils to think about the areas that they would like to develop as they progress through the school.

We are aware that talking about burials may be a sensitive area for some pupils and have resources available to support with grief and loss should they need to talk through any experiences of their own. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions around this.

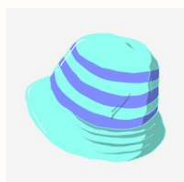
Our focus in Maths this term is fractions and in English we intend to focus on sequencing and writing narratives either linked to our History project or a theme of specific interest to our pupils.

Reminders for this term

On Tuesday mornings, pupils will be swimming. We will need to depart promptly so please make sure your child arrives at school for the 8.50am start time and that they bring with them all the items listed on the swimming letter, including extra snacks and a drink.



As we move towards warmer and sunnier days, please ensure that your child has a water bottle, hat and, on really sunny days, sun cream in school. We would like to make the most of our outdoor learning spaces this summer term.



Pupils will also need a change of clothes in school this term as we will be doing lots of practical and creative activities involving glue, paint, water and other sensory resources.

First Anniversary

I'm sure you will all have heard about our anniversary celebrations that took place on 17th and 18th April. On the day itself pupils were welcomed with balloons and spent the morning researching memorable news articles from the day as our class contribution to the Wymering time capsule. The obvious choice of story was the success of Portsmouth FC the night before in winning the league and securing promotion!

Pupils then spent the afternoon on an inflatable obstacle course and were treated to a barbeque run by staff and the older students. There was even a visit from Mario in his ice cream van. On Thursday pupils took part in a clay workshop to make a memento of this important milestone for the school. Thank you to those parents that were able to come along and take part, the pupils loved having in school with them.



Diary dates

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May

Half term - 25th May to 2nd June