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Dear Parents/Carers,

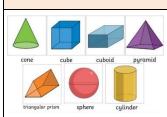
Over our recent topic 'Tremors', the children explored a range of natural disasters, specifically focussing on how volcanoes and earthquakes occur. To check the students' understanding, we created a fun Kahoot quiz for Year 4, allowing the children to revisit what they've learned in a lively manner. I encourage you to ask your child about their favourite 'Tremors' facts and quiz them! Thank you for your continued support in enhancing their learning journey.

This term, our new topic is called 'Walk like an Egyptian' and we will be learning about the history of Ancient Egypt. We will be exploring the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians and how they prepared for the afterlife. We will also explore important geographical features using the river Nile and how this impacted Ancient Egyptian life.

Our PE days will continue to be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday afternoon and homework will be given out on Fridays to be due back the following Wednesday. We expect reading nooks and reading diaries to be bought into school daily and will be checked on a Monday for the reading raffle.

English		
Instructions to Inform	Egyptian Myth to Entertain	
In this unit, the children will consolidate their understanding of subordinating conjunctions and adverbs and then begin to learn about and use a range of prepositions to show time, cause and place. They will apply these skills to write their own instructions and will also use headings, subheadings and bullet points.	They will then learn how to write speech into their stories by using some simple speech rules: inverted commas for direct speech and start it with a capital letter. The children will then explore how to add a reporting clause and how this can change the structure of a speech sentence. The children will apply their speech rules when writing their very own myth!	
Newspaper R	eport to Inform	
At the end of the year, the children will show off all of t newspaper report. This will include skills such as: conjunc speech. This is all whilst learning about a new structure t columns, subheadings, picture and caption.	tions, adverbs, prepositions and	

Maths Shape and Measures



The children will begin the term in Maths by recapping the names of 2D and 3D shapes. They will begin to explore the properties of these including identifying sides, vertices, edges and parallel and perpendicular lines. The children will also learn about turns and the different sized angles: acute, right angles and obtuse.

After this, we will lean how to measure mass in grams, capacity in

litres and length in centimetres as well as how to calculate the perimeter of a shape. We will move on to measuring time by recapping how to read an analogue and digital clock and find the duration of events. This will be great to also practise reading the time at home as much as possible and we have added some links to websites that could help with this!



Key areas of learning:

Science - Plants	History – Ancient Egyptians
To know the function of different parts of flowing	Know that the Ancient Egyptian era was roughly
plants and trees	between 1500BC and 330BC.
To know the plant life cycle including the role of	Know that the Egyptians were succeeded by the
flowers	Romans.
To know the importance of flowers in pollination, seed	Know that Egyptians believed in gods and goddesses.
growth and seed dispersal	Know that Egyptians believed in the afterlife and
To know how water is transported within plants	how they prepared for this.
To know what plants need in order to grow and stay	To compare how inventions were used in Ancient
healthy (water, light, air, nutrients, room to grow).	Egyptian times to how they were used in prehistoric
Science - Skeletons	Britain.
 To know about the importance of a nutritious, 	Know how British civilisation was influenced by
balanced diet.	Ancient Egypt.
To know the different nutrition types and their	
benefits.	
To know the amounts of each required.	
• To know that humans and some animals have skeletons	
and muscular systems for support and protection.	
Art - Sketching	Geography – Rivers
Know how to experiment with ways in which surface	To know the location of Egypt on a map of the world.
detail can be added to drawings.	To know the name and location of the worlds longest
Know how to use sketchbooks to collect and record	river.
visual information from different sources.	To know why people chose to live next to the Nile.
Know how to make marks and lines with a wide range of	To know how the Nile benefits those who live close
drawing implements e.g. charcoal, pencil, crayon, chalk	by (Farming, water, trade, transporting of goods).
pastels, pens etc.	To know how the Nile has changed over time.
Know how to experiment with different grades of	To know key vocabulary linked to rivers such as
pencil and other implements to create lines and marks.	source, meander, floodplain, mouth and delta).
Know how to experiment with different grades of	
pencil and other implements to draw different forms	
and shapes.	
Know how to begin to show an awareness of objects	
having a third dimension.	

Computing and Online Safety	R.E	
 Programming Know how to use sequencing in programmes. Know how to use selection in programs. Know how to use repetition in programs. Know how to work with variables and various forms of input and output. Know how to stay safe online. 	 How and why do people make the world a better place? To know some beliefs about why the world is not always a good place (e.g. Christian ideas of sin). To know why people try to live and make the world a better place (religious and non-religious e.g. The Golden Rule). To know ways in which organisations try to make the world a better place (e.g. tikkun olam and the charity Tzedek). To know ways in which individuals try to make the world a better place. 	
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 To know how to create a design and prove that it meets a set criteria. To know how to create an annotated sketch of a design. To know how to create a prototype. To know how to select from a range of materials thinking about their functional properties. To know how to evaluate a product against a design criteria. Cricket Handball To know how to hit a stationary ball into space using To know the ready position to catch effectively. 		
 the straight drive. To know how to bowl underarm to a batter with some consistency. To know how to use the correct footwork to strike a bowled ball. To know how to stop a moving ball using the long barrier technique. To know how to throw longer distances overarm. To know how to perform as a wicketkeeper. 	 To know how to perform accurate passes in different situations. To know how to move the ball using the three step rule. To know how to prevent the ball from being passed by blocking and intercepting. To know how to use quick effective passes to attack as a team. To know how to develop accurate passing and move into space in a game. 	
Athletics	Basketball	
 To know jumping and hopping sequences. To know how to run at different speeds. To know how to approach and jump hurdles. To know how to throw a javelin using the pull-throw technique. To know a variety of skipping techniques. To know how to keep score accurately over a range of events. 	 To know how to keep possession of the ball when dribbling To know how to work as a pair to move forward and attack. To know what a defensive body position is. To know how to perform a two-handed shot to score baskets. To know how to use a jump ball to restart a game. To know when to move to space to receive the ball. 	

Summer 1 Week 1: ENGAGE		
	The children will learn the location of Egypt on a map and explore where this time period fits on a timeline. Children will engage with their new topic with an Egyptian Day! They will dress up as an Egyptian for the day, feel inside some 'canopic jars' when learning about the mummification process and follow clues to solve a hieroglyphics puzzle!	
Summer 1 Week 2-4: How have Ancient Egyptian beliefs and inventions impacted on our lives today?		
	The children will learn about Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife and about their different Gods and Goddesses. The children will apply all of their learning by comparing the resources and inventions used by the Ancient Egyptians, to Prehistoric Britain (our previous learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age) and also learning about how Egyptian inventions have impacted us today, for example, the invention of papyrus paper.	
Summer 2 Week 1-3		
	The children will learn key vocabulary linked to rivers such as source, meander, floodplain, mouth and delta. The children will apply this vocabulary to and learn about the world's longest river, the River Nile. They will also explore why people chose to live next to the Nile and the benefits of this.	
Summer 2 Week 4-5: EXPRESS		
	They will express and recall all they have learnt over our 'Walk like an Egyptian' topic by making their own game. This will include questions about their History and Geography learning to play with some older children to test them whether they can remember their learning about Ancient Egypt.	

Things that you could do at home that could really make a difference to learning:

- Times tables practise: flashcards, chanting, TTRS ...
- Read their books aloud to check for fluency expression in their voices.
- Asking comprehension questions about the pages that your child has read in their book.
- Completing homework regularly and practising their spellings with them.

Many thanks for your support and we all look forward to another exciting half term ahead. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can get in touch with us via phone or email through the school office: <u>office@dsatkibworth.org</u>

Here are a few websites that may help to support your child's learning during his half term.

Maths:

A brilliant game to help rapid recall of times tables and division facts: http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button Century - Maths https://app.century.tech/login/ Times Table Rockstars https://ttrockstars.com/login Mathsframe games and MTC Multiplication Tables Check - Mathsframe Interactive clock to practise telling the time: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/time/teaching-clock Game that quizzes the children on telling the time: https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time

English:

Century - Reading comprehension and spelling grammar https://app.century.tech/login/ Grammar http://www.ks2phonics.org.uk/Clausesandconnectives.html A range of texts to read www.lovereading4kids.com A range of texts with comprehension questions on Rising Star's Cracking Comprehensions https://my.risingstars-uk.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f Phonics and spelling rules. A great site for teaching rules and playing games around these too! https://spellingframe.co.uk/