

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2020



YEAR 6

November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of our second term. We are really excited for the term ahead.

Our Topic

Term 2: Ancient Egypt

Our topic primarily looks at Ancient Egypt and what life was like for an Egyptian. The children will investigate mummification, how a pharaoh enters the afterlife as well as looking at the geographical location of Egypt. We will also be looking at how the Egyptians communicated using hieroglyphics.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: units of measure, fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as different forms of problem solving.

In order to support your child, you could look at the use of numbers in everyday life: cooking using fractions to measure the ingredients and using time in every day experiences.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the: corresponding division facts for the times tables up to 12 x 12; multiplication and division problems involving multiples of 10; and multiplication and division problems involving multiples of 100.

In English, we will be learning about: newspapers, diaries and instruction writing.

In order to support your child, you could look at the different newspapers that are available and look at different forms of instructions – perhaps following a set of instructions to make something delicious.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term will be sent home with their weekly homework; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

PE

Our PE day is on Friday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Homework

Homework is set on a Thursday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework, please come and see us as soon as possible.

Important Dates

18.12.20 - Last day of term two
04.01.21 - First day of term three

Yours sincerely

Ms Houghton, Miss Wilkinson, Miss Roberts and Mr Stanfield
Year 6 Class Teachers



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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

- Why not visit this website to learn some amazing facts about Ancient Egypt?
<http://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/egypt/ten-facts-about-ancient-egypt/>
- Investigate the different tourism opportunities in Egypt and create a persuasive leaflet encouraging people to visit.
- Follow the instructions below to make your own Canopic Jars.
- Why not try writing your name, or other messages, using the hieroglyphs below?

Make your own Canopic Jars

In Ancient Egypt, people believed that everyone had three different spirits: the ka (the life force), the ba (the personality), and the akh (the soul). In order for these three spirits to survive into the afterlife, the Ancient Egyptians believed that the dead body must be preserved. Embalming and mummification were the Egyptians' answer to this problem!

When a person was mummified, their lungs, liver, intestines and stomach were put in special containers called Canopic jars. Each organ was protected by a different Ancient Egyptian god. Make your own Canopic jars with this fun activity!

Ages : Suitable for all ages.

Time Required: 1 hour

Materials Required

- Four empty glass jam jars
- White cardboard or heavy paper
- Sticky tape
- Scissors
- Colouring pens
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Black marker pen
- Orange
- Used teabag
- Dried pasta ribbons or spaghetti
- Pink balloon





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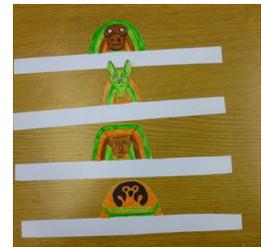
1. The internal organs in each of your Canopic jars will be protected by an Ancient Egyptian god. Copy the examples onto your sheets of cardboard – or look on the internet for more inspiration! Your gods will need to be drawn on top of a strip of cardboard that will wrap around the jars.



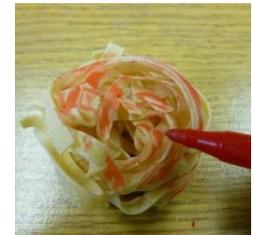
2. Colour in each of your pictures.



3. Cut out each of your god pictures, and the strips of cardboard that they are attached to.



4. Time to make your internal organs! Use your red and brown pens to colour in your dried pasta – you could soak them in cold tea, or coat them in paint if you want to get them really reddish brown!



5. Cut your orange into four segments. Remove the flesh from two segments so that you are left with two lung-shaped pieces of orange peel (for really authentic mummified lungs, dry out the orange peel somewhere warm!). Put the 'intestines' in one jar, and the 'lungs' in another.



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6. The 'liver' is a used dried teabag, and the 'stomach' is a pink balloon that has been blown up and let down! Put these into the other two jars.



7. Using sticky tape, attach the correct god picture to each jar. Hapi, the baboon-headed god, protects the lungs (orange peel!).



8. Qebehsenuf, who has a falcon's head, looks after the intestines (dried pasta ribbons!).



9. Duametef, a jackal-headed god, protects the stomach (pink balloon!).



10. And Imsety, with the human face, looks after the liver (dried teabag!).



Your canopic jars are now complete! Take them to the nearest Egyptian tomb and bury them alongside a mummy... or, find somewhere to display them.



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Hieroglyphic alphabet

A		H		N		U	
B		I		O		V	
C		J		P		W	
D		K		Q		X	
E		L		R		Y	
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