

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we dive into a new half term, please read below the expectations and outline of learning we will be doing. Thank you for your continued support with your children's learning.

Curriculum

Our topic this half term is Ancient Egypt. We will be transporting ourselves back thousands of years to the time of Tutankhamun and exploring the lives of Egyptians during this time.

We will also be having a very exciting visit from Mr Egypt on the 20th May! We can't wait to learn more about this amazing part of history from this fantastic Egyptologist.

In Science, we will be completing our learning on plants, conducting experiments to study the transportation of water, and the life cycle of a plant.

Weekly Activities

PE will be every Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their **full St Matthew Academy PE kit**.

Library – Library books may be borrowed each Friday. Please ensure you bring your library books in to change each week.

After School Provision –

Yoga with Ms. Ford: Wednesday 3:15-4:15

Interventions: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday with the expectation that it is returned on a Wednesday. Homework will include a set of weekly spellings which will be tested the following Friday, one piece of writing, one piece of reading and one piece of maths. Please try to allow your child to complete their homework as independently as possible.

Topic homework will be set **once a half term** with 6 weeks to complete it in.

For this half term, your child's topic homework is to produce a project to do with Ancient Egypt. This could be art based or English based. It is up to you. Be as creative as you can. Remember – you can upload any videos to SeeSaw should you choose to create a film!

This is due on **Friday 14th May** so we can share with Mr Egypt our amazing projects

Contact Details

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

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Reading

I cannot reiterate how important it is for your child to read often. Statistics show that if a child reads 20 minutes per day compared to 1 minute per day, they will hear 1,800,000 words per year compared to 8000 words per year. This in turn shows that a child who reads 20 minutes a day will likely score better than 90% of their peers in standardised tests.

Please ensure your child reads **every evening** and this is marked in their homework diary which is checked daily. For a bonus achievement point, upload images or your child reading to our class SeeSaw or e-mail directly to me. We are always interested in any exciting activities your child is involved in so please send in any photos or certificates they might receive throughout the year.

Expectations

Please ensure your child is dropped off/collected on time to avoid children mixing with other bubbles.

Children are expected to bring their reading diary to school **every day**, signed by their parent/carer to show they have read the previous evening.

Labelled water bottles must be brought into school every day as water fountains are out of use.



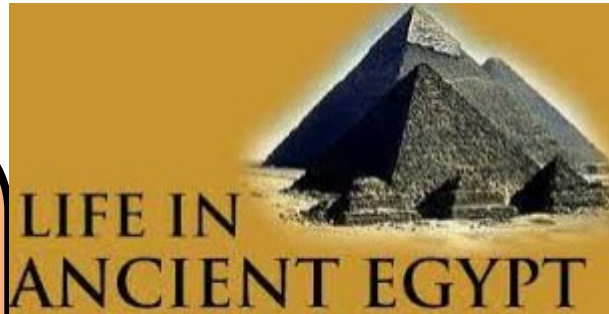
Humanities (History)

Ancient Egypt

- Where is Ancient Egypt?
- What are mummies?
- Who built the pyramids?
- Who was Tutankhamun?

English

- Re-telling our own version of Egyptian Cinderella
- Creating a newspaper report on Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb
- Explanation of mummification



Science

Plants

- What a plant needs to survive.
- How a plant grows.
- How water is transported in plants.
- The life cycle of a plant

Maths

- Multiplication and Division including:
 - 3, 4 and 8 times table
 - Using Arrays
 - Dividing by 3, 4 and 8
 - Using a formal method of multiplication and division
- Fractions
 - Ordering fractions
 - Finding fractions of numbers.

Art/DT

- Cartouches and Hieroglyphics
- Designing Egyptian Jewellery

Music

- Rhythms
- Patterns
- Natural Sounds

PE

- Team Games
- Gymnastics