

Learning Experience

To inspire the children at the start of this Learning Experience, they will have the opportunity to visit the Bath and West Field to Food event. This will give pupils a good understanding of modern farming in Britain. As part of our study of Ancient Egyptians we will be looking at their farming methods to make a comparison. On 19th May, pupils will take part in an online session with an expert from the National Archives in Kew. They will explain how archaeologists analyse archival photographs, letters and maps, as well as using images of 3D models from the Ancient Egypt collection at the British Museum, enabling the children to improve their understanding of this period in time.

Science

Bramley Class will be focusing on sound in their science lessons. They will learn how vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear as well as exploring how pitch and volume are affected by the size and shape of what is producing the sound.

Russet Class will be looking at the differences in the life cycles of mammals, birds, amphibians and insects. They will learn about the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Art

Pupils will look at the art of ancient Egypt. They will then create Ancient Egyptian side portraits focusing on the proportions of the human face to make accurate reproductions whilst also considering Ancient Egyptian colour palettes and their meanings.

English

This term Bramley Class will be reading *The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover* by Stephen Davies, using the text to enhance their prediction, comprehension and inference skills. In writing lessons, the children will focus on non-fiction, developing their use of organisational devices to write detailed and non-chronological reports. The continued use of prefixes, suffixes and homophones will also be explored as well as the use of the singular and plural possessive apostrophes.

Russet Class will continue to use *Harry Potter* as their focus text, writing in a range of styles both formal and informal. They will consider how to alter the vocabulary and grammatical structures to reflect the level of formality needed for a non-chronological report. The children will write a biography, a match report requiring them to integrate quotations. A setting description which will use colons and semi-colons to mark the boundary between independent clauses as well as different phrase types to show qualification and precision in descriptions. Additionally, write an informal letter to a friend.

Maths

In Bramley Class the children will continue to develop their understanding of number and the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Using this knowledge they will solve reasoning problems, involving measure and money including missing number calculations. We will also learn how to measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure in centimetres and metres whilst identifying pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines in shapes.

Russet Class will look at 2D and 3D shapes in detail exploring their different properties as well as how they are constructed using nets. Pupils will look at the relationships between decimals, fractions and percentages and apply this understanding to a range of contexts. As they become more confident, the children will combine all of their learning to answer word problems assessing the appropriate skills they need to apply.

Life Along the Nile

Our Value this term is Trust

Believing someone will do what they say that they are reliable and honest, building a sense of safety and comfort in relationships.

History

The history enquiry question: *What did the Ancient Egyptians accomplish that made them successful?* will be the driver for the lessons. Pupils will look at the organisation of Ancient Egyptian society and the roles within it. The role of the Pharaohs and the Egyptian Gods and Goddesses. They will also investigate how important the Nile and farming were in allowing this civilisation to develop and to exist for such a long period of time.

Start Date: 23rd April 2025

End Date: 23rd May 2025

Hook:

On Wednesday 23rd April, Bramley and Russet Class will take part in a Field to Food Learning Day at the Bath and West Showground to gain an understanding of food production and the countryside.

Outcome:

The children will present their Ancient Egyptian portraits to parents, showcasing their increasing range of drawing and painting skills.

Date: Thursday 22nd May

Music

During the first part of the Summer term we will be welcoming experts from Somerset Music who will teach the children of Russet and Bramley how to play the ukulele.

Take home task:

Choose from one of the following:

- Create an Ancient Egyptian sculpture.
- Create a 3D Scarab beetle, explaining what they represented.
- Paint the pyramids at sunset.
- Research the Nile and create an informative factfile.

Hand in date: Monday 12th May

How you can support your child at home:

- Find out about Ancient Egyptian life.
- Reading 5 times a week.
- Talk about what they are learning at school.
- Practice spellings by writing out, colour coding and writing sentences using the spellings in the correct context.
- Learn times tables. Yrs 3 $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 8$ Yrs 4 $\leq \times 3$, $\times 6$, $\times 7$, $\times 9$, $\times 11$, $\times 12$
- Yrs 5 and 6 embed their knowledge of all the times tables, learn square and cube numbers.