

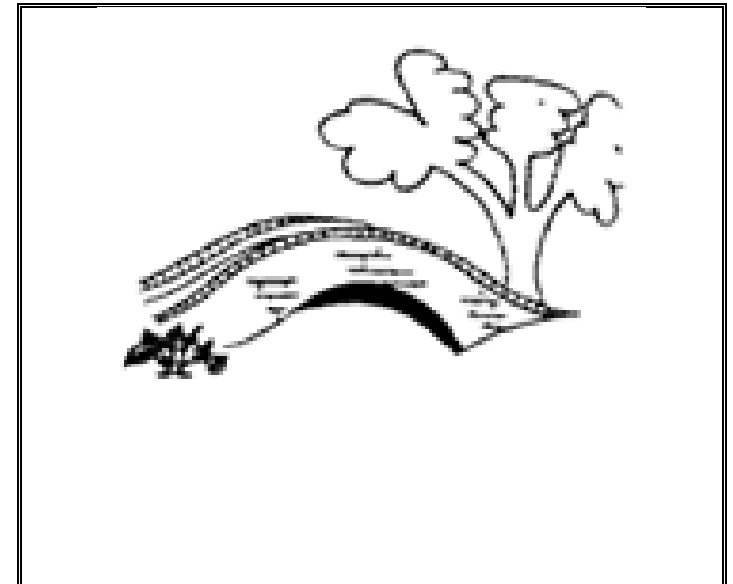
Possible ways of helping your child with their work this half term:

- Ensure that your child completes any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

Useful Websites:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>
A brilliant range of mathematical games and activities that can be used in conjunction with the work children complete in the classroom.
- https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_egypt.php
a great website with a wealth of information on about the Egyptians.
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/ancient-egypt>
- And finally, don't forget about: <https://trockstars.com/>

Whixall Church of England Primary School and Nursery



**Curriculum Information for
Parents**

Spring Term 2026

English: Our English work this term will be linked to our topic, 'Ancient Egypt'. We will learn how to write a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, including a narrative retelling based on the book 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx'. The children will look to develop character and setting descriptions and explore how to create purposeful and imaginative dialogue. We will write an explanation text and persuasive brochure using research about Ancient Egypt. We will focus this term on developing and extending sentence structures, using varied punctuation consistently, and use of dictionaries and thesauri for enhancing vocabulary choices.

Mathematics: Our mathematics lessons this term will build on work done in previous units. The children will learn to:

- Read numbers up to 10 million and round these to different values,
- Refine efficient methods for the four operations, including learning to use formal long multiplication and division,
- Solve problems involving measures of mass, length and capacity.
- Solve problems, calculate and compare fractions and decimals. We will also begin to understand how percentages can be calculated,
- Solve problems involving statistics and shape.

Science: Our termly theme for science is properties and changes of materials. The children will sort and group a range of materials using specific criteria. They will learn what the properties of solids, liquids and gasses are and what happens to materials when their state changes. The children will explore what it means for a material to be soluble or insoluble. Through practical investigations, the children will try to find out what it means for a material to dissolve in water and if this happens, whether a material can be separated again. The children will finally consider what reversible and irreversible changes are.

Humanities: Our topic this term is all about Ancient Egypt. We will learn that Ancient Egypt was one of the world's earliest civilizations. The children will learn about the importance of the River Nile and its delta in terms of agriculture, transport and trade. We will use a range of sources to find out about what was important to people during Ancient Egyptian times. The children will explore and ask questions about different artefacts in order to understand more about this ancient civilisation. We will explore how religion was very important to the Ancient Egyptians and how this affected the way in which the dead were commemorated and celebrated.

P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education) Our PSHE sessions for the first half term will allow the children to discuss and share what it means to set goals. They will consider what dreams mean and how they can strive towards these. In the second half term, they will consider what it means to be healthy. Children will consider ways in which they can keep their minds and bodies healthy.

P.E. Our P.E sessions this term will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. These sessions will focus on skills for invasion and defending games primarily. The children will look at how they can tackle and defend a ball against an opposing team.

Art and Design. This term we will investigate the style, pattern and characteristics of Ancient Egyptian art. We will use our sketchbooks to record observations and patterns common to Egyptian art. The children will then explore printing techniques, before using Egyptian inspired patterns to create their own printing press plates and artwork.

Design and Technology. This term, our design and technology work will focus on understanding how cam mechanisms work. the children will explore toys and games which use cams, before creating their own versions. The children will then be tasked with creating a moving scene which will help retell an aspect of 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx.'

R.E. We will focus on two units this term. The first explores why Christians believe Jesus is the Messiah, looking at the meaning of the word Christ and Old Testament expectations of a rescuer. The second unit focuses on Judaism, where pupils will learn why the Torah is so important, exploring Jewish beliefs about God, the laws they follow, and how these beliefs are remembered and lived out today.

Computing: Our computing work will focus on 'The Mars Rover' for the first half term. The children will create a pixel image, and look at what it means to 'fetch, decode, executer' when transferring data. Our second unit will look at the role of computers in relation to Bletchley Park, and the significant people behind the technology.

Music. Music lessons will continue to be in the form of our weekly lesson with Mrs Hawke on a Thursday. The children will continue to develop skills around reading and writing music using precise symbolic notation. They will compare pieces of music and identify how pieces of music change.

Spanish: We will continue this term to have out weekly Spanish lesson on Fridays. The children will develop fluency around core greetings and phrases. The children will learn to say and read the Spanish for names of rooms and items of clothing.

