

Oak Class Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents,

We hope that you have all had a joyful Christmas and New Year. Our topic over the Spring term is **Ancient Egypt**, including exploring where they came from; religion and gods; writing and number systems; food; mummification; and the pyramids. The topic focuses on History objectives, although other areas of the curriculum are covered too.

For the first six weeks in our science work, we will be looking at **Forces**. After half-term we will then be studying **Earth and Space**. Attached to this letter is the knowledge and skills we expect the children to learn from the topic and what the take home task will be for the topic. We will let you know the submission date for this in due course.

Our Lego Team from Oak Class is looking forward to competing in the regional competition on Saturday 31st January, and we wish them luck with this.

We swam for the first part of the Autumn term and were pleased with the effort and progress of the children. **PE sessions** will be, wherever possible, outside and will continue to be on **Thursday**. Please ensure your child **comes to school wearing the correct school PE kit** for these sessions (PE t-shirt – white/blue, shorts or tracksuit and trainers). **All earrings must be removed for PE.**

Other important expectations for Oak class:

Daily reading – 20-30mins, practise their tables and spellings.

Homework – given on **Monday** to be returned by **Friday** (there may not be homework given every week).

As always, your support is greatly appreciated, and should you have any questions about anything we are covering please do not hesitate to contact us.

With many thanks

Clare Christie



Ancient Egypt Year B Year 5/6 – Spring term 2025/2026

Take home task

Take Home task – Recreate something that was found in Tutankhamun's tomb

What I should already have some knowledge about

Egypt is in Africa and Africa is a continent.
The River Nile runs through Egypt.
Ancient Egyptians left behind a writing system called hieroglyphics.
Archaeologists are people who look for clues about the past.
Pharaohs were ancient rulers.
Tutankhamun was an Egyptian pharaoh.



Previous topics...

KS1 – Transport
KS2 – Buildings & Structures,
The Romans, Greeks

Knowledge

- I have an understanding of chronology in Ancient Egypt and can order events
- I know that some historical events ran concurrently in different locations
- I know how pyramids are made and can discuss their significance in Ancient Egypt, how they left clues to the past
- I know about different significant events that occurred during Ancient Egypt time, giving key dates and people
- I understand and can describe the purpose and the ritual of mummification
- I know and can discuss and explain about the significance of the River Nile
- I understand what was important to people during Ancient Egyptian times
- I know the roles of different people in Ancient Egyptian, understand, and can explain the hierarchy system
- I know that there are different accounts of history based on people's understanding and sources used.

Skills

- I can use atlases and maps to locate given places on a map.
- I can empathise with other people alive and dead.
- I can use different sources, including secondary to build a picture of significant events and retell these.
- I can raise questions about where the sources come from and why they were created.
- I can describe from a certain point of view based on my knowledge.
- I can compare and contrast the powers of different Egyptian Gods.
- I can use research skills to find out more information.
- I can create questions about Ancient Egypt.
- I can explain the contrasts between Ancient and Modern Egypt.
- I can work as part of a team when researching.

Books I could read

Vocabulary

Afterlife	Part of the Egyptian belief system
Amulet	A good luck charm
Archaeologist	People who discover our history by looking at artefacts.
Canopic jars	Jars used to store organs after mummification process
Cartouche	Ancient Egyptian name plate
Civilisation	A particular way of life for a society
Egyptologist	Any archaeologist, historian, linguist, or art historian who specializes in Egypt.
Fertile	When land or soil is capable of producing crops
Giza	3 rd largest city in Egypt, home of the great sphinx and the Giza plateau
Hieroglyphics	The ancient Egyptian writing system
Howard Carter	Egyptologist who found the intact tomb of Tutankhamun.
Irrigation	The supply of water to land or crops to help growth
Mummification	A method for preparing a dead body in order for it not to decay
Papyrus	Is a grass like water plant found in the Nile region of Egypt, or paper made from this plant
Pharaoh	A ruler in Ancient Egypt
Rosetta Stone	a stone slab showing inscriptions in Greek, Egyptian hieroglyphic, and demotic characters, making possible the decipherment of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics
Sarcophagus	A stone coffin
Shaduf	A hand-operated device for lifting water
Sphinx	A sphinx is a mythical creature with the head of a human and the body of a lion.

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