

What can I do to help my child?

- Encourage them to read as often as possible
- Help them practise their spellings
- Ensure they wear appropriate clothing on PE days and have spare clothes and a water bottle daily
- Ask your child what they have been learning
- Give them opportunities to visit the library or websites to 'read around' the topic and gather information of interest to them

Key dates

6th September - Return to school, ready to learn week
21st October - Break up for half term

Useful websites

You can read more about our curriculum on our website
<https://parkgrove.ebor.academy>
Follow us on Twitter: @parkgroveschool

Other useful websites that may help your child are:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>
www.primaryinteractive.co.uk
www.crickweb.co.uk
www.ictgames.com
www.topmarks.co.uk

If you have any queries or problems that you need to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff via Bloomz.



Key Stage 2 Autumn 2022



Our topic this term is:
Ancient Civilisations

Homework (optional)

Your child is able to access our online platforms (Reading Eggspress, Reading Plus, Mathletics and, TTRockstars) if they wish to practise reading and maths skills at home. This is no longer set by school but is available for you to use as appropriate for you and your child.

If you wish to do other activities to support learning we recommend reading with and to your child regularly and below are a list of suggested activities you can dip into.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="154 331 696 404">● Go to one of York's many libraries and take out books about the ancient Egyptians. What fun facts can you find out and tell your classmates?<li data-bbox="154 409 696 502">● Research ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs and write a secret message using them. Can a friend decipher what you have written? Can you write your name in hieroglyphs?<li data-bbox="154 507 696 631">● Look at the ancient Egyptian part of the British Museum's website: https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/egypt which artefacts displayed at the museum interest you?<li data-bbox="154 637 696 705">● Age some paper by following this method https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Paper-Look-Old have a go at drawing Egyptian royalty on it. |

Time will be given in class for the children to talk about what they have found out and for them to share work they have completed.

For each topic we will have an 'ignition event' to inspire and immerse the children into the topic. Topics will end with a celebration to bring together and share the work we have completed.

Topic Ignition – Dig or British Museum Virtual Tour

Topic Celebration – Tomb Raiders!

In the **Ancient Civilisations** topic, your child will learn about three of the earliest civilisations in the world; ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. They will study the ancient Sumerian and ancient Egyptian civilisation in detail, to discover how crucial factors like water sources and farming helped them to develop and thrive. They will find out about important inventions and the growth of cities. They will also study the lives of different people in society, including the roles of kings and pharaohs. The children will reflect on their learning by identifying the similarities and differences between the two civilisations, before studying the Indus Valley civilisation independently. They will explore of evidence about the location of the Indus Valley, cities and trade, and note the reasons why historians know less about the Indus Valley than other ancient civilisations. The children will then compare all three civilisations, before learning about the causes and consequences sources of each civilisation's decline. They will also consider whether or not these civilisations left a lasting legacy.

