

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

31st October - PTA Halloween Disco
15th November - Individual photos
25th November - Training Day
13th December - KS2 Christmas Party

Useful websites

You can read more about our curriculum on our website

<https://parkgrove.ebor.academy>

Follow us on Twitter: [@parkgroveschool](https://twitter.com/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.



Park Grove
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Key Stage 2 Autumn 2 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.

Topic

- Research other important archeological finds
- Use your knowledge of 'hierarchy' to create a hierarchy pyramid for another institution - what about your favourite football team?
- Read/Watch Horrible Histories - Awesome Egyptians
- The pyramids of Egypt are one of the 7 Wonders of the World - find out about the others. You could create a slideshow to present to your classmates
- Did you know the **earliest known bread was made in Ancient Egypt** in 8000 BC? In fact, the Ancient Egyptian's diet depended heavily on bread. It was consumed at every meal. Have a look online and try out the recipe.

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 – British Museum Virtual Tour

Topic Celebration – 100 Year Anniversary of the discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb

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 civilisations' decline. They will also consider whether or not these civilisations left a lasting legacy.

