

Oak class - Spring Term 1

This term Oak class have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians - our topic Big Question is: 'What were the Ancient Egyptians' Greatest Achievements?'

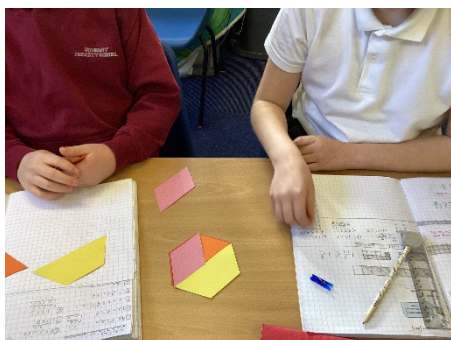
We had a fantastic day over at Ab Kettleby with Cleopatra herself (well, an expert from Meet the Specialists, which is the next best thing!) learning all about Ancient Egyptian life, mummification, jobs and games. We learnt to play Mancala, the oldest game in the world, and built our own pyramids. This inspired some super instruction writing when we returned to school. We have also learnt about the Ancient Egyptian Gods and society, looked at artefacts and created our own death masks in art based on the designs we have seen. We have constructed the base using card and mod-roc, and now they need the finishing touch of paint after half term.



In English, as well as our instructions, we have written our own fairy tales with a twist after reading The Egyptian Cinderella. We have been reading a class novel called 'The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan, which we will continue next term. We had a fantastic Love Reading Day when we were visited by the author Pippa Goodhart, who told us all about being a writer and shared some of her stories with us. We also had a 'blind date with a book' to encourage us to try books that we perhaps wouldn't have chosen for ourselves.



In maths, we have focused on fractions, decimals and percentages. We can find equivalent fractions and calculate with fractions, as well as converting them to their decimal and percentage equivalents.



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In science, we have been learning about forces, and carried out lots of practical investigations into magnetism, friction and air resistance.

In RE, we have been learning about Hinduism and our PSHE learning has focused on dreams and aspirations, as well as thinking about how we choose to spend our money and the difference between needs and wants.

In PE, the class have been developing their gymnastics skills with Kat, working on sequences together showing off their skills and teamwork. In Daily Boost they have learnt some Egyptian themed yoga and pilates moves.



Oak have been learning some simple glockenspiel and xylophone parts this term in music as well as developing their listening and music appreciation. They had a wonderful time watching the 'Back to the Eighties' show at John Fernley.

We have really been thinking this term about the purpose of 'Feel Good Friday' and the skills we need to manage our own mental health. During Children's Mental Health Week, we entered the Taskmaster Education challenge, which was great fun AND we got onto the wall of fame!



It has been a busy and very productive term, with lots of children making fantastic progress, especially in their reading. Next term, we are looking forward to continuing our learning about the Ancient Egyptians.