



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back into a new and exciting year! We hope you've all had a great summer holiday and are raring to go with the new year and term ahead! Our themed topic this term is called 'The Ancient Egyptians'.

English – Character and setting description, letter writing, diaries, explanation texts

Reading – The Ancient Egypt Sleepover

Maths – Number and place value, times tables

Science – Forces and magnetic materials

History – Who were the Ancient Egyptians? How was society organised? Who lived the best life in Egypt?

What did they believe in? How and why were Egyptians treated after death? How did they communicate?

Geography – Where is Egypt? The importance of the River Nile

DT – Canopic jars

RE – Islam

PSHE – Being Me in my World

We will be looking at what life was like in Ancient Egypt for people living then, exploring the importance of the Pharaoh and why people believed they were gods. Children will learn the process of mumification, writing about it in our English lessons and explore the wonders of the Egyptian pyramids. We will also learn about the importance of the River Nile. Following this, we will use our DT lessons to develop our skills of and create our own canopic jars.

P.E

Participation in P.E. is hugely important for the development of health, fitness, and wider skills for learning such as resilience and collaboration. P.E. days are:

- ✓ Teal – Monday and Wednesday
- ✓ Sandpiper – Monday and Wednesday
- ✓ Harlequin – Monday (swimming) and Wednesday

Clothing

Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled so that we can return any lost property to the rightful owner. As it is getting colder please can you also ensure your child has a coat as we will still be going outside.

Drinks and snacks in school:

A reminder that break time snacks need to be **healthy – no chocolate please**. Fruit or cereal bars are very popular.

Children should bring a **bottle of water** into school.

We would like to promote a healthy lifestyle and healthy drinking – **water** is the healthiest choice of drink. Also, if there are spillages it is easily cleaned.

An Egyptian Day – Tuesday 21st October.

To conclude our learning on Egyptians, we would like to host an Egyptian Day here at Priestley.

Please encourage your child to wear Egyptian clothing.



Will we try Egyptian food? Will we try Egyptian sports?

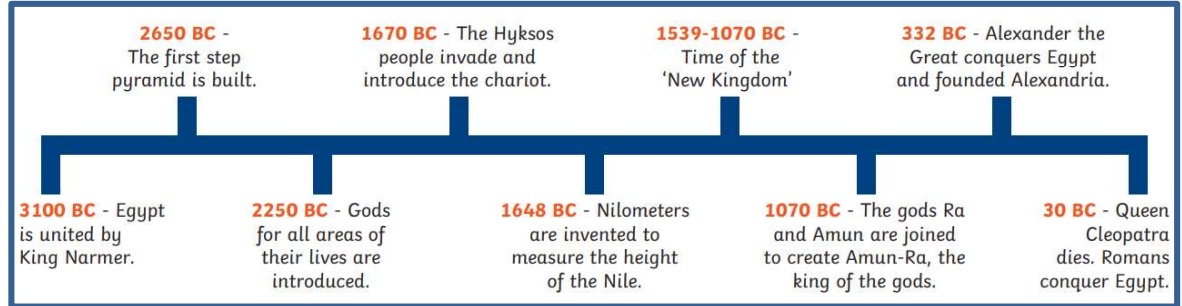
Will we play Egyptian games? We look forward to surprising the children on the day.

Finally, thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another successful term, for your child, for you and for our whole school community. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact us via ask@priestley.wilts.sch.uk

We look forward to working with you and your child and to another busy, productive and fun term ahead.

Mrs Formoy-Brown, Miss Leake, Mrs Swanson and Mrs Faulkner

Key Events in Ancient Egypt



Some exciting books you might like to read:



To extend your learning further.

Why not try making your own tomb for a mummy.
Research what life was like in Egyptian times
Make an Egyptian pyramid
Create your own glossary of key words.



Key Vocabulary

 canopic jar	 tomb	 pharaoh	 sphinx
 pyramid	 Tutankhamun	 sarcophagus	 papyrus
 hieroglyphics	 mummification	 Cleopatra	 ancient