

Year 4 Newsletter—Autumn



Wealth and Water



Main learning:

We will be looking at the settlement of Ancient Egypt and all its wonders with a focus on wealth & poverty. This will include looking at the life of a slave compared to the grandeur of the Pharaoh. We will be studying the River Nile and finding out about its importance for civilisations both in Ancient Egypt and modern Egypt. We will then be exploring the role rivers play in settlements both in the UK and in other areas.



Useful information / key facts:

- Egypt is located in the northeast corner of Africa.
- A large river called the River Nile flows through the country into the Mediterranean Sea.
- The Ancient Egyptians lived along the banks of the river Nile. Farmers first settled in Egypt along the River Nile about 5000 B.C.
- About 95% of Egypt's population still live in the Nile Valley.
- All of Egypt depended on the Nile for water, food and transportation.

Things that you can explore and talk about at home:

- Would you rather be a child in Ancient Egypt or a child today?
- What did the Ancient Egyptians invent that we still use today?
- How did Ancient Egyptians write?
- Read some Egyptian myths
- Visit a museum with an Egyptian exhibit
- Go for a walk along a local river

Vocabulary:

Wealth	Poverty
Deity	Archaeologist
Pharaoh	Monarch
Civilisation	Trade
Settlement	Hierarchy

Planned trip/ visit / themed day:

We will be having a very exciting visit from Hands on History. The children will be taking part in a variety of immersive activities which will help them better understand what life was like in Ancient Egypt.

Homework:

The homework tasks will give the children an opportunity to explore some of the key learning here further. Please see homework task sheet for details. Remember to check homework log books for expectations about which homework needs to be completed when.