



Lyng CofE Primary Academy Spring 1 2025 Newsletter



Oak Class
Year 5/6



Happy New Year!

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed your well-earned Christmas break.

Our value this half term is **Courage (Hope)** which is a great value to express and learn more about as we learn about new topics and experience new things in Oak Class. Year 6s will be continuing to show courage with all of their hard work and preparations with SATs on the horizon too! We will be focusing on what courage looks like and how it can be expressed during our collective worships, in class and around our wonderful school.

****NEW** - PE for Oak Class will now be on:**

**TUESDAY (INDOOR) and
Wednesday (OUTDOOR)**

- As the weather is poor this time of year, please be mindful of suitable footwear and clothing which reflects the time of year.
- Please continue to come into school wearing your PE kit on both days. We would suggest warmer clothing for outdoors especially!

This half term's learning:

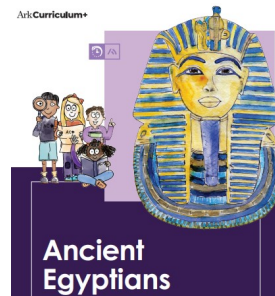
This half term, we start a new topic:

Ancient Egyptians

This means our topic focus this half term will be **History**

Our 6-week history topic introduces and explores Ancient Egypt, where we will be exploring the following questions:

- ♦ How do we know about Ancient Egypt?
 - ♦ Who ruled Ancient Egypt?
- ♦ How was Ancient Egyptian society structured?
 - ♦ How was the Nile important?
- ♦ Why did Ancient Egyptians build pyramids?
- ♦ What gods did Ancient Egyptians believe in?



English learning objectives:

This half term, we will be expressing our Ancient Egyptians topic through English with an historical recount about the discovery of a tomb, followed by writing a portal story. Our new class novel, *Secrets of the Sun King*, will inspire us to continue to include excellent characterisation, dialogue and other effective written features. With Ancient Egypt as the main focus, historical detail and vocabulary will be continue to be important.

Maths learning objectives:

In Maths, we will continue with fractions before exploring decimals. A short unit on Area, perimeter and volume will follow before revisiting decimals.

Other curriculum areas :

In **Science**, we will begin our new topic of Light and Perception, learning all about the science behind sight and how we see.

In **Computing**, we will be exploring spreadsheets.

In **Art**, we will be learning all about technical drawing and different perspectives to create our very own cityscapes.

In **PE**, we will try our hand at Netball and learning fundamental movement skills in Real PE.

RE will see us unpick the key question: How do beliefs shape identity for Hindus.

PSHE will continue to explore relationships and how we stay safe online.

In **French**, we are starting the unit: 'The Date' and **Music** continues with the wonderful Mrs Drake from the Music Hub.