



Darell Primary School	Spring half term curriculum letter	Yr 3/4 Mrs Rustage	January 2010
<p>Topic</p> <p>We will begin our topic on Ancient Egypt.</p> <p>This term we will be looking at Ancient Egyptian homes, farming, the River Nile and their daily life. We will also explore their Gods and significant people including Cleopatra and Tutankhamen, mummification, myths and beliefs.</p> <p>Any artefacts or books will be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>We will be visiting the British Museum to see the Egyptian galleries. I will send out more information about this nearer the time.</p> <p>I will also send you information about an Egyptian Day nearer the time.</p> <p><u>Dates for your diary</u></p> <p>Creative day 28th January</p> <p>Half Term 15th – 19th February</p>	<p>Literacy</p> <p>In our Literacy hour the main aspects will be:</p> <p><u>Text Level</u> Fiction: Stories set in imaginary worlds. These stories will develop figurative language such as similes and metaphors used in our recent poetry work.</p> <p>Non Fiction: Information texts related to our topic Explanation texts about mummification</p> <p><u>Word Level</u> Weekly spellings. Spelling rules. common letter strings, suffixes and adverbs</p>	<p>Numeracy</p> <p>Children work in Numeracy groups. Over the term they will cover: Mental calculations, properties of number, understanding multiplying and dividing, money, real life problems, fractions, time and handling data.</p> <p>Other areas of the curriculum Science: Keeping Warm! DT/ART: We will be designing and making Egyptian headdresses and other Egyptian related art work. PE: Swimming lessons and Netball ICT: Topic related internet research and Collecting and presenting information. RE: What is faith and what difference does it make? Music: Instruments and singing, some topic related. French: Vocabulary, conversations. PSHE: Why we have rules and in what situations they are different and the consequences of breaking rules.</p>	<p>What you can do to help your child</p> <p>Please continue to read with your child as often as possible and write a comment in their reading record.</p> <p>Homework work will continue to be given out on Fridays and collected in on Wednesdays. All homework supports work done in the classroom.</p> <p>We have swimming every Monday afternoon at Richmond Pools on the Park and children need their swimming kits, including goggles and a swimming cap.</p> <p>Our first swimming lesson is on Monday 11th January. Our last swimming lesson before half term is Monday 8th February.</p> <p>Children need their P.E kit every Friday.</p> <p>Best wishes Bella Rustage</p> <p>Headteacher</p>