

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This half term has gone so quickly! It started with a visit (allegedly) from an Egyptian god; I'm not sure as I was in the staffroom at the time. There was no denying the sarcophagus and mummy he left behind though. We unwrapped it to discover amulets and found some shabti figures to help him (her?) in the afterlife. Luckily it's gone now (tomb robbers, we suspect).



We took an in-depth look at mummification, writing recount texts to explain the process and the reasons why it was carried out, and wrote play scripts. Then we turned the tale of Osiris - the central myth of ancient Egyptian religion - into a comic strip as planning for our own story version.



In RE, we had also had a visit - from a private detective with a BIG case to solve. Investigations are ongoing...

We also made mummies, sarcophagi and illustrated aspects of our stories using 'papyrus' paper.

In science, we looked at micro-organisms - helpful ones and harmful ones and we blew up some balloons with the power of yeast to see that micro-organisms need pretty much the same as we do: food, oxygen... and a little bit of TLC now and again. We tested milk using the ph scale to see what would happen to pasteurised and UHT varieties and learned a bit about acids and alkalis along the way.

Our next topic is 'Stargazers' and we will be doing rocket science (no really - it's not a joke) as well as looking at some of the constellations and our own place, in the middle of the whole caboodle, using satellite pictures from space to study landforms and patterns of population on our planet.

WOW Day

This will take place on the first day back 2nd of November. A rocket launch will take us beyond the confines of the earthly realm and to the stars... We will also be taking a gastronomic (!) tour through the night sky.

If your child would like to dress up in a suitably space-themed outfit, that would be out of this world. For example, star or rocket tops or even plain black like the night sky.



We will give out a star constellation observation chart to keep you busy over the next half-term. See how many you can spot. Let's hope for some clear skies.

I hope you have a lovely week and look forward to seeing you again.

Mr Doyle