

May 2025

Dear parent / carer,

Year 4 – Ancient Egyptians Day – Wednesday 9th July

This term we have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and to further support children's understanding we have planned to hold an Ancient Egyptian Day. We have booked for two companies to visit the children: Portals to the Past and Prime VR.

The focus will be to explore the Ancient Egyptians in more detail, this will involve a more practical and hands-on approach. The Portal to the Past sessions will consist of tomb building, the mummification process, burial ceremonies and the crowning of a new pharaoh. Children will also have the opportunity to do maths the Egyptian way, play Egyptian board games and look at Egyptian artefacts. Prime VR will deliver a forty-five minute virtual reality workshop session which will transport the pupils back in time so they can discover this period of history for themselves. They will step foot inside a reconstructed tomb and see a whole city brought back to life. They will also get within touching distance of the Pyramids of Giza. Each class will be allocated a forty-five-minute session during the day. We believe this is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and will help to bring their 'Ancient Egyptians' topic to life.

The following safety measures are implemented during workshops:

- A full safety briefing is delivered at the start of every workshop and VR usage will be supervised by an adult at all times. A safety video will also be shared with every class prior to our arrival.
- Pupils share one VR headset between two and will only look through a VR headset for a maximum of two minutes at a time before taking a break.
- All VR headsets are controlled by a central iPad/tablet which allows a member of the Prime VR team to deliver specific educational content.
- Pupils will always be required to sit down whilst using a VR headset.
- All headsets are cleaned using Clinell Universal wipes in between classes.
- Any pupils who feel uncomfortable will be told to remove their headset straight away. An iPad/tablet can be provided as an alternative device to view our content and access our workshops.

If your child has epilepsy, is prone to seizures or may not be able to use a VR headset, please consult with a doctor and inform the school reception before signing this permission slip as an alternative device can be provided for accessing this workshop.

We encourage the children to come to school dressed as someone from the Ancient Egyptian period. Please see some ideas below.

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We are asking for a contribution of £12.95 per child towards the cost of the workshops. Without your support, we may not be able to offer such a valuable learning experience that provides a varied and fun opportunity for our pupils to learn. Please make your payment by Friday 30th May 2025 via Scopay, www.scopay.com. Children who are entitled to pupil premium will not need to contribute, however consent must be given via www.scopay.com.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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