



# *Y5 Newsletter : Spring*

## Imaginative Learning Journey Ancient Civilisations



## TOPIC OVERVIEW

This knowledge-rich main project teaches children about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of each civilisation.

## SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

- **ENGLISH:** Poetry, Myths, Non-Chronological reports
- **MATHS:** Area and Scaling. Calculating with decimal fractions. Factors, Multiples and Primes.
- **SCIENCE:** Properties and Changes of Materials. Why Does a Compass Point North? Can You Clean Dirty Water? Do All Solids Dissolve?
- **ART and DESIGN:** Textiles with drawing. Artist focus- William Morris
- **COMPUTING:** Databases. Game Creators. E-Safety.
- **DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY:** Mechanics. Simple Machines.
- **HISTORY:** Archaeological finds. What is Civilisation? The Rise of Ancient Sumer. Exploring Ancient Egypt. How and why civilisations decay and end. How life today is linked to Ancient Civilisations.
- **PSHE:** What is my role in the local community? How does smoking and alcohol affect my community?
- **R.E:** What might Hindus learn from stories about Krishna? What do we mean by a miracle?
- **SPANISH:** My house. Weather. Phonics: CH,J,N,LL,RR.
- **P.E:** Yoga/gymnastics- static balance and coordination. Athletics, development of balance and agility, coordination
- **MUSIC:** Project medium-Jazz. Playlist-Jazz. Project medium- BBC 10 pieces Abdelazer Rondeau.

## HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- **Reading Books:**  
Please read with your child at least three times a week so that they complete the reading challenge. Please make sure your child's reading book is in their bag every day.
- **Learning logs:**  
Will be sent home at the beginning of every topic. Please complete activities.
- **Homework:**  
Maths - Please encourage your child to practise their times tables, using the online program TT Rockstars regularly (At least twice a week)  
English- Please encourage your child to use the online program Reading Plus regularly at home (At least once a week)  
Additional weekly/fortnightly worksheets in maths and English will be given to your child.
- **Water bottles/snack:**  
Your child may bring a playtime snack (toast, fruit or vegetables only). No fizzy drinks please. You may send in a water bottle for lesson time.