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Wednesday 27th November 2019

History
Off the Page

Life in Ancient Egypt
Tuesday 7th January 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a way of providing your child with the best opportunity to find out about our topic of Life in Ancient Egypt, we have arranged for History Off the Page to spend the day with us on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**.

On this day your child will, through role-play, experience life as it would have been during the 14th century B.C.

The Pharaoh at the time is Akhenaten and his wife, Nefertiti, who left Thebes to set up a new city to worship the Sun God, the Aten. Your child will be using authentic tools and materials whenever possible to learn skills as apprentices in a wide variety of workshops.

As the day progresses, the children will get involved in the issues of the time, with the chance to participate in a range of cross-curricular activities. By the end of the day they will have a really good idea of how it felt like to be an Egyptian at this time. There will also be a story-telling session.

A simple costume will help your child really feel part of the day.

Costume

It is not practical to copy the clothing style of the period exactly, mainly because it would be far too cold. For this reason we suggest warmer simple plain white cotton garments.

Please note – pretending to be a particular character from history or mythology is inappropriate and does not help the day in any way.

Girls can wear a long white cotton shift, as illustrated, perhaps made from an old sheet. (If very cold please add a cloak or anything practical - being warm enough to learn is more important than looking perfectly authentic!) Sandals make suitable footwear (again simple white socks can be worn underneath due to the cold weather).

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Hair and makeup

For a headdress, a circlet or fillet of cord or braid could be worn (high on the forehead and tied at the back. Girls wore their hair in lots of small plaits or tied to look like 'bobbed' length.



Boys can wear a plain white T shirt and white shorts, or a shorter version of the shift shown, with a belt, cord or sash round the waist. Do not worry unduly about style - the main impression should be one of whiteness. Sandals make suitable footwear. A simple fillet or circlet of cord or braid could also be worn by boys (high on the forehead and tied at the back of the head)

Optional - Boys wore the youth lock until they were adolescent - a thick plait of hair left growing on the side of the otherwise shaven head. This can be made by plaiting several strands of wool together. Attach the plait to a hair clip, so it can be securely fixed to the pupil's hair or to the circlet.

We need at least **10 adult helpers** to run activities, so please join us, either for the whole day, or just for the morning or the afternoon. You will see for yourself the value of the day! **Don't worry** - you will be **fully briefed** before the day begins so you can enjoy interacting with the children and supporting them to learn new skills. **Grandparents** are also welcome! (Even Mrs Childs' parents enjoyed helping for the Castle Day!)

Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help as soon as possible.

In order for this fantastic day to occur, we ask for a contribution of £8.00. This covers the cost of the resources for the various activities done throughout the day and the cost of the food for the banquet in the afternoon. Please be aware that if we do not receive enough contributions, then the experience will unfortunately have to be cancelled.

We would be grateful if this could be paid **by Friday 13th December 2019** along with the permission slip overleaf.

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs Childs Mr Legge Mrs Walker Mrs Ociepko

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I give my permission for _____ (child's name)

to attend the Life In Ancient Egypt Day.

I have paid/enclosed a contribution of £ 8.00 via Sims Agora/ cash/ cheque (please delete as appropriate).

I would like to volunteer to help all day / in the morning only / in the afternoon only

Adults name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

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