

Happy Friday!

We hope you have had a good week. This week we have had a lot of fun in Austen Class. We have learned how to use column addition and subtraction in different contexts; learned about where the Ancient Egyptians sit on a timeline and even tried to write some hieroglyphics of our own.

Link Books

Link Books are an incredibly important tool for passing messages from home to school and school to home. Please make sure your children have them in school **every day**.

If your child is going home with someone else, it is imperative that this message gets written in the link book or a message passed to the office. Your child will not be allowed to go home with someone else unless we have prior written permission.

Fine diner/Proud cloud

Our fine diner is Tom. He is always kind and polite in the dinner hall and shows exemplary table manners.

Our proud cloud is Aravind. He has shown such determination with his learning this week and has been brave in sharing his ideas during class discussion time.

Have a lovely weekend! ☺

Mrs Houchin and Mrs Bowyer



Austen Class Newsletter

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Pre-learning

Science: Next week we will continue our learning about Living Things and their Habitats. We will be learning how to classify different types of vertebrates. Please talk to your children about what vertebrates are: animals with a skeleton.

Topic: Next week we will be continuing our topic "Tomb Raiders", in which we will be looking at the work of Howard Carter in uncovering details of Ancient Egyptian tombs. This week we looked at what was happening in Britain at the time of the Ancient Egyptians. Next week we will be focusing on where the Ancient Egyptian civilisation was located geographically and how it was composed. Now would be the perfect time to have a look at an atlas and try and locate Egypt on it and see what the landscape was like.



Learning this week

English: This week we have continued reading the book 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. We described the viewpoints of different characters within the story; identified how tension is built up in a text; learned how to identify the themes in the story; learned how to convert between direct and reported speech; and looked at the language the author has used to make the text more powerful.

Maths: Our focus in Maths for the first half of this week has been on adding pairs of 4- and 5-digit numbers using column addition. We also solved problems using our knowledge of column addition. In the second part of the week we focused on subtraction by counting up.

Science: We continued our learning about Living Things and their Habitats. This week we learned how to compare and classify organisms. We explored and used classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in the children's local and wider environment.

Things to remember

- ✓ Library books - **Thursdays**.
- ✓ Spelling dictation on **Wednesdays**.
- ✓ Please be prompt collecting your children at the end of the school day.
- ✓ PE is on **Tuesday** so children need to have their PE kits in school on that day.