

# Bowling Park Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 6!

Here is our Autumn 1 newsletter that covers our learning for this half term.

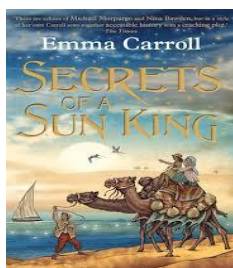


This half term we are learning all about Egypt. We will begin by gaining a broad overview about the different regions of Africa looking at culture and the physical and human features found there. This will involve listening to music, creating art, making yummy food and even playing different sports.

In geography, we will be exploring the river Nile and the Sahara Desert so that we can answer the following questions:

- What makes a river a river?
- Why is the Nile River significant to Egypt?
- Would you like to live in a desert?

We will end the half term by answering our big question, 'Why does Egypt attract so many tourists each year?' This will then lead us into our history learning about how the river Nile shaped the development of the ancient Egyptian civilization. From this, we will start to look into Howard Carter and follow his journey as he tries to unearth the secrets of the ancient Egyptians in the Valley of the Kings!



In English, to go alongside our learning in geography and history, we will be creating a geographical report on the river Nile and writing a diary entry and a letter from the perspective of Howard Carter. Our class book will be the Secrets of a Sun King which is full of adventure and discovery!

In maths, our focus will be around consolidating place value understanding including: rounding, negative numbers and decimals. In order for the children to access the Year 6 curriculum, it is essential they can recall times tables facts (including division) quickly. You can support your child with this by encouraging five minutes of times tables practice a day – TTrockstars and songs are a great way of doing this.

In science, we will be looking at grouping living things (animals, plants and microorganisms) through classification.

In art, we will be looking at a range of artists with a more in-depth focus on Bradford artist, David Hockney. As part of our learning, we will be taking a **trip to Cartwright Hall** to look at his work and take part in a workshop to use Hockney's techniques to create our own pieces taught by specialists. The cost of the trip is **£3.50** and can be paid on ParentPay. More information will be sent out via a letter in the next week. Other artists we will study are: Paula Rego, John Singer Sargeant, Fiona Rae and Lubiana Hamid. At the end of this unit, we will talk about how the artists have created meaning and stories through their work and discuss which artist has made the biggest impact on ourselves and why.



### Home learning expectations

Please take a look at the following table to see what your child should be doing at home to extend their learning:

Activity/Task	Frequency
<b>Reading their book band book</b>	X3 a week
<b>TT Rockstar - Soundcheck</b>	Daily – for 5 minutes
<b>Spelling Shed</b>	Daily - for 5 minutes

You should already have your Spelling Shed and TTRockstars logins, but please let us know if you are having any problems accessing this at home. Please also make sure you are trying your best to read at home: even if it's just two pages each night.

### Family Challenges

- Create your own model of the River Nile
- Write a poem about the Sahara Desert
- Create your own Djembe drums and make music together as a family



### P.E

Our P.E day this year is Tuesday for Y6 Usher Street and Y6 Hawthorn Class at New Cross Street with Miss Rawson. Y6 Cypress and Y6 Acer at New Cross Street will have their P.E day on Wednesday. Please send your child dressed in their P.E kit for this day.

Thank you!

The Year Six team

