



What are my essentials for life?

Autumn Term 1 & 2 2026

Year 5

Park View

Primary

School



We encourage the children to read 4 times a week at home, as well as practising their spellings and times tables.

Wider learning at home

- Visit the Egypt galleries at the British Museum in London for free
- Try visiting a river: River Hamble Country park is good for crabbing, wild swimming, walks etc. (car parking charges apply)
- Try one of the activities from this site: <https://www.weareteachers.com/circulatory-system-activities/>
- Look at famous rivers on Google maps and follow their course—what cities does they flow through?
- Build your very own pyramid
- Make a water cycle in a bag: <https://www.mobileedproductions.com/blog/how-to-make-a-water-cycle-in-a-bag>



English:

Texts drivers: Secrets of the Sun King by Emma Carroll.

The House of Light by Julia Green.

We will be writing narratives with a focus on description and explanation texts. Later in the term we will be writing explanations about the mummification process and a newspaper report about the discovery of an Ancient Egyptian tomb.

Maths:

Place value; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with a focus on formal methods and reasoning.

Science: Animals including Humans

In science we will be learning about the circulatory system with particular focus on the organs required to transport nutrients around our bodies.



Geography

We will be learning about rivers, their key features and how they are essential for life.

We will also learning about the water cycle; the role of evaporation and condensation.

History

We will be learning about four early civilisations: The Indus Valley, India; The Shang Dynasty, China; Ancient Sumer, Iraq and Ancient Egypt.

This is followed by a closer look at the beliefs and rituals of the Ancient Egyptians surrounding death.



PE:



This term we will be doing swimming lessons whilst also developing our football and rugby skills.

Art & DT:

Linking to our History learning, we will be making Egyptian bread and sculpting statues for a tomb.



RE: Belonging

We will be learning about the first two pillars of Islam, Shahada and Salat, and how they help Muslims have a sense of belonging.

All of the Year 5 team appreciate the hard work you put in with your child. It really makes a difference!

PSHE: Our focus for Autumn term is 'Healthy Lifestyles'. We will be looking at our physical, social and emotional health.