



Hello and welcome back to school! We hope you have all had a wonderful Easter holiday. We are so proud of the progress the children continued to make in their learning last term and are looking forward to continuing our learning journey this term.

Our new topic this term is:

Tomb Raiders!



We've been looking forward to this topic all year as we know how interesting children find learning about the Ancient Egyptians so we cannot wait to get started! There will also be a school trip to the Ancient Egypt wing of the Ashmolean museum in Oxford later in the term – details coming soon!

In the meantime, have a look at these websites if you would like to do extra research:

<https://www.ashmolean.org/ancient-egypt-and-sudan>

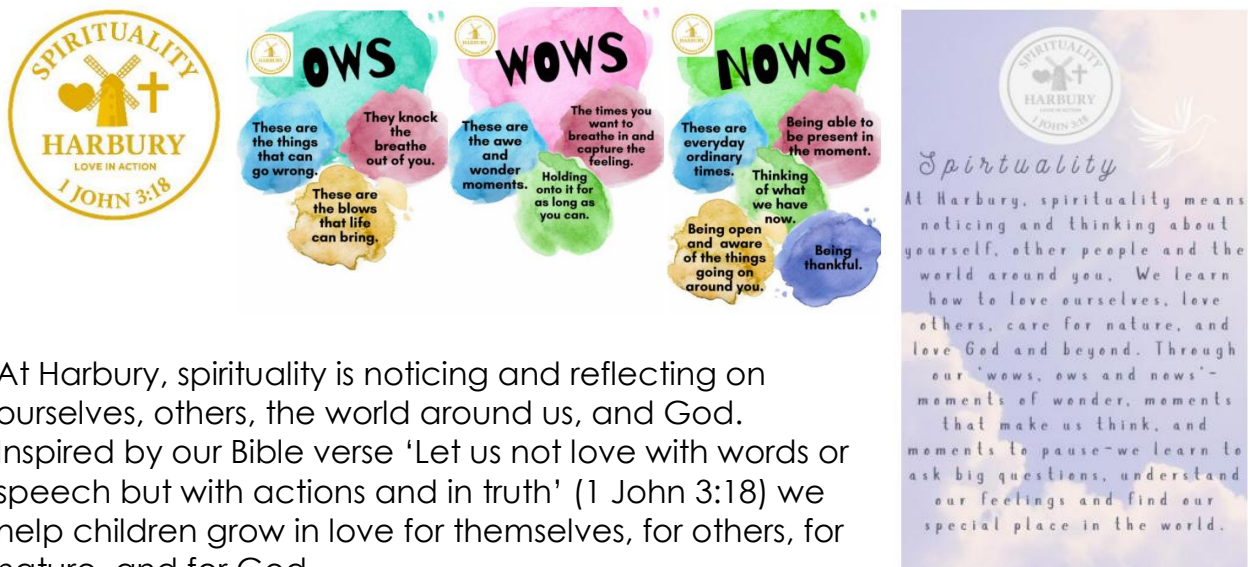
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/ancient-egypt>

School Values

This term, our focus values are **thankfulness, friendship, trust and compassion**, which will be embedded across all aspects of school life. We encourage and support the children to show these values in their actions, both inside and outside the classroom. Our classroom reflection area and weekly class worship will provide opportunities for children to deepen their understanding of these values as they take time to think, share and reflect.

Spirituality



At Harbury, spirituality is noticing and reflecting on ourselves, others, the world around us, and God. Inspired by our Bible verse 'Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth' (1 John 3:18) we help children grow in love for themselves, for others, for nature, and for God.

Through simple moments of wonder, empathy, and stillness ("wows, ows and nows"), children learn to find meaning, ask big questions and understand their unique place in the world.

Love in action

Each term, we have a Love in Action focus. This term, our Love in Action focus is to **show love in action through peace, justice and strong institutions**, linking closely with our theme '**Tomb Raiders**' and learning across the curriculum. We want children to develop an understanding of how peace and justice are shaped by people, beliefs and societies, both in the past and in the world today. Through this, pupils will explore how fairness, responsibility and cooperation help communities to thrive and how individuals can play a role in making positive change. We encourage the children to be **courageous advocates**, using their voices, listening to others, and taking positive action for change in our school, community and beyond.



Love in Action

P.E.

On the days they have PE (**Tuesday** and **Friday** for this half term), children are expected to arrive in school wearing their PE kit (see list below) and keep it on all day.



Correct kit consists of:

- White or red school t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black pumps
- For outside: plain trainers and plain jogging bottoms, hoodie/warm top.

Class Dojo

Please message us with any queries and to share achievements your child has done outside of school. One of us will also be available to speak with after school if you would prefer to phone or meet face to face. As we work as part of a job share, please try and message the teacher who will be working with your child that day (Monday-Wednesday and Friday with Mrs Horton, Thursday with Mrs Swanwick) if there is something you need to tell us so that we can respond quickly.

Homework will be set weekly via the Class Story on Dojo. It will be posted on a Thursday and we expect children's work to be uploaded to their portfolio by the following Thursday for marking.



Reading with your child is one of the most valuable and enjoyable things you can do with them. Please continue to record your child's reading journey in their reading record booklets and make sure your child brings this, and the book they are reading, in daily. The children can also record their own thoughts about their reading in their journals as well as comments from adults.

For more details see:

<https://www.harburyschool.com/curriculum/reading/>



KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts) activities will be sent home at the beginning of term. Please continue to support your child to learn these as they support your child's confidence and learning in maths. Please also encourage your child to practise and learn times tables facts using **Times Tables Rock Stars** or **1 minute maths**. Their login details can be found inside the cover of their reading journal.

Healthy Snacks

Key Stage 2 children are not eligible for free fruit so if you would like your child to have a breaktime snack please send them to school with a piece of fruit, a plain biscuit or cereal bar which they can keep in their tray. Please remember we are an allergy aware and nut-free school.



We look forward to an exciting term!

Best wishes,

*Mrs Horton, Mrs Swanwick
and the Year 3 team*