



Bakewell Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1 – April 2026

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Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back to our final term of the academic year! We hope everyone had a restful break and is feeling refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead. This half term will be filled with new adventures and exciting experiences, giving students the opportunity to create lasting memories while deepening their understanding of new concepts. We are especially looking forward to exploring our history topic, "**Ancient Egypt**", which promises to be both engaging and inspiring.

Please remember to check **Evidence for Learning** to see photos of the fantastic work your children will be doing throughout the half term and keep an eye on our social media pages for further updates.



Key Concepts and Skills

Our topic this half term is **Ancient Egypt**, where we will be exploring our class book, "Eye of Ra" by Ben Gartner. Throughout the half term, we will be travelling back in time to discover different aspects of Egyptian life.

Pupils will explore Ancient Egypt through a range of engaging sensory experiences, including musical sessions and singing themed songs. Our switch work will involve activating foot spas filled with sand, allowing pupils to experience what it might have felt like to walk through the desert.

We will also be creating a variety of special artwork, including designing Pharaoh collars and making beautiful jewel treasure boxes to take home.

Communication remains a central part of every lesson. Pupils will have ongoing opportunities to express their wants and needs using TOBIs, symbols, Makaton and speech.

Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use Arbor to pay for it. We have a range of snack options, including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.

This half term our hydro day is **Monday** and **Tuesday morning** but please send in your child's kit at the beginning of the week as we may take them in whenever there is a space. Please include a costume/trunks, 2 towels and some body wash/shampoo. Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, thank you.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition



Sand is a great way to explore using our hands and feet. You could fill a tuff tray or even a storage box with play sand, allowing your child to investigate and explore using both their fine and gross motor skills. Examples include:

- Scooping, pouring and filling containers
- Digging and burying objects to find
- Making marks, patterns, or simple shapes in the sand
- Squeezing and letting sand pour into their hands



Physical

Follow a playdough recipe online and enjoy making it together. This is a great opportunity to develop fine motor skills through a range of hands-on activities, such as:

Rolling the playdough into balls or sausages, squeezing, pinching and stretching the dough.

These activities help to strengthen hand muscles, improve coordination and support early writing skills in a fun and engaging way.

PSED



In PSHE, we will be learning about online safety, exploring different scenarios and stimuli to help pupils understand how to stay safe when using the internet. If your child uses an iPad at home, please ensure it is set to 'Guided Access'. This helps to keep them on a single app or webpage, preventing them from switching tabs or accessing other content, so they remain on sites you know are safe.

Communication



In Ancient Egypt a range of spices were used in cooking, creating beautiful aromas!

Offer your child different smells – *rose water, cumin, coriander, cardamom, ginger, mint.*

Which do they like? Which do they not like? Which would they like to smell more of? Do they have a favourite?

Reading

We all love a good book or audiobook on YouTube!

Here are some books you could read together that link to our topic:

- Sailing Down the Nile by Laurie Krebs
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGmYVNFS3RU>
- The Boy Who Stole the Pharaoh's Lunch – Karen McCombie

Expressive Arts

You could enjoy a lovely baking session together by making Rice Krispie pyramids. This is a wonderful way to bond while also supporting the development of fine motor skills. Children can help with mixing, pouring and shaping the ingredients, giving them valuable hands-on experience in a fun and engaging way.

