



Dear Parents and Carers,

YEAR 3 ANCIENT EGYPTIAN VIRTUAL WOW DAY – Wednesday 21st October 2020

We are very excited to let you know that we have arranged a Virtual Ancient Egyptian day with History Off The Page to bring Ancient Egypt to life!

On this day your child, through different activities, will experience life as it would have been living during 14th century B.C.

The children will have the opportunity to explore events, issues and beliefs of the time, including:

- Tutankhamun's life and death
- Egyptian religious beliefs
- Egyptian burial beliefs and rituals
- How Tutankhamun's tomb was prepared, and how it was unusual compared to others
- Contrasts between Tutankhamun's reign and that of his father, Akhenaten
- Tutankhamun's lack of an heir, and his unusual successor

By the end of the day they will have a really good idea of how it felt to be an Egyptian at this time.

A simple white costume will help your child really feel part of the day. Please see the attached guidelines, especially the part about not coming as a particular character.

We wish to thank our generous PTA who have agreed to partially fund this experience. However, we will need a contribution of £2.20 for each child, paid via parent pay by Monday 19th October 2020, in order to cover the full cost of the event. Such contributions from parents are voluntary, however if a number of parents feel unable to make a contribution then the day may not be able to go ahead.

Yours sincerely,
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Costume

It is not practical to copy the clothing style of the period exactly, mainly because it would be far too cold. For this reason we suggest warmer simple plain white cotton garments.

Pretending to be a particular character from history or mythology is inappropriate and does not help the day in any way.

Girls can wear a long white cotton shift, as illustrated, perhaps made from an old sheet. (If very cold please add a cloak or anything practical - being warm enough to learn is more important than looking perfectly authentic!) Sandals make suitable footwear.



Hair and makeup

For a headdress, a circlet or fillet of cord or braid could be worn (high on the forehead and tied at the back.

Girls wore their hair in lots of small plaits or cut to a 'bobbed' length. Ancient Egyptians had very black hair. They also wore black eye paint along the eyelids to protect them from the sun.

We do not recommend this - it can look authentic but it can also get very smeared during the day, and some children may be allergic or develop skin irritation.

Costume

It is not practical to copy the clothing style of the period exactly, mainly because it would be far too cold. Boys would have worn only a linen shenti (loincloth.) For this reason we suggest warmer, simple plain white garments.

Pretending to be a particular character from history or mythology is inappropriate and does not help the day in any way.

Boys can wear a plain white T shirt and white shorts, or a shorter version of the shift shown, with a belt, cord or sash round the waist. Do not worry unduly about style - the main impression should be one of whiteness.

Sandals make suitable footwear.

A simple fillet or circlet of cord or braid could also be worn by boys (high on the forehead and tied at the back of the head)

Boys wore the youth lock until they were adolescent - a thick plait of hair left growing on the side of the otherwise shaven head. This can be made by plaiting several strands of wool together. Attach the plait to a hair clip, so it can be securely fixed to the pupil's hair or to the circlet.

