



01st March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 3 Egyptian Workshop Wednesday 27th March 2024

As part of our history curriculum, we will be inviting a specialist Egyptian Workshop to come into school for a whole day session on Wednesday 27th March. In previous years the children have absolutely loved this interactive experience learning about The Egyptians.

The cost is £12.20 per child payable via School gateway by Sunday 24th March. If insufficient contributions are received, then the activity may not be able to take place.

We will be asking all the children to wear Egyptian style costumes. While there are some examples attached, please don't worry we will be spending time talking to the children about what they need for the workshop.

We hope the children really enjoy this day but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate in contacting the School Office.

If any parents can help either in the morning or afternoon sessions (or both) this would be very much appreciated. Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer.

Yours sincerely
Year 3 teachers

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.

