

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a good Christmas break. I'm excited for this new year and the fantastic new learning opportunities it brings.

It was great to start the year with some Egyptian gruesome fun. We mummified tomatoes, and learnt the skills of excavation by removing chocolate chips from cookies. We also enjoyed having our own archaeological dig for artefacts.

Keep up to date with all our learning on our Alderhill Antics blog which can be accessed through the school website.

Rock Challenge

Rock Challenge rehearsals will continue into this half term, as we prepare for the performance in February! Please ensure children always have their PE kit in school for Wednesday for rehearsals .

This half term, we have several fundraising events planned to enable Rock Challenge to take place. Please keep you eye out for these!



Any queries or questions, I can be contacted at

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A few other reminders:

- Spellings are given on a Friday for testing the following Wednesday
- Homework is given on Friday and returned on Wednesday
- Please do continue to hear your children read aloud at home and ask them questions relating to their book.
- Do continue practising rapid recall of multiplication tables with your child—this helps so much with all areas of maths.

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Are you free to help with reading?

If you, or someone in your family, is available, we are on the hunt for some people who could help with reading on one or more morning. This would be for the first 25 minutes of the day: from 8.35-9.00am. If you are able to help please do let us know!



Ancient Civilisations

- * Our English will focus on adventure stories. We will be using the book 'The Red Pyramid, ' by Rick Riordan to inspire our writing. We will be learning how to create setting and develop characters, as well as some time travel and ancient mysteries!
- * In maths this half term we will be diving into fractions, decimals and percentages: learning what each of these are, how they interrelate, and are crucial for everyday life.
- * In Art we will be making Hieroglyphic prints and clay cats.

