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Summer Term Bulletin

Issue 32: Friday, 27th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a great week. Once again the half term has arrived in the blink of an eye! It has been lovely to finish this half term with a community minded day raising money for the UNHCR—UN Refugee Agency . Thank you to everyone who supported this with donations.

Staffing

You may have noticed a familiar face back in school this week – Mrs Smith has returned from maternity leave! We're delighted to have her back. Miss Butt has been taking the lead with Year 4 this half term, and she will be based in this class full time now that Mrs Smith has returned. Mrs Smith will continue her role as Assistant Headteacher, and Miss Butt recommences her role as Writing Lead and Upper School Phase Leader.

Poetry Performances

We had a fabulous assembly today as all classes performed a poem they have been learning in class. The performances were fantastic! Pupils learned their poems by heart and brought them to life for their audience. We were so impressed – please do ask your child to perform their poem at home! Learning poems is a fantastic way to improve pupils' vocabulary, understanding of language and enjoyment of literature. We will be learning another poem next half term and hope to hold a similar performance assembly before the end of the year.

Jubilee Picnic

I am sure you all have some exciting plans for the additional bank holiday next week! As we will not be in school, we will be celebrating the queen's platinum jubilee after the half term break. The jubilee is a good opportunity for pupils to enhance their history and cultural learning, and every class will be taking part in our Jubilee History Project. The classes have each been allocated a decade from the last 70 years, and they will be exploring the significant people, events and developments of their decade. Each class will contribute to our '70 Things for 70 Years' exhibition, telling the story of the past 70 years in Britain. We would like to invite parents and carers along to view the exhibition, and we will be holding a celebratory jubilee picnic for the occasion too! This will all take place on our sports day next term, which has been booked for 8th July (Nursery and Reception will be 7th July). Please feel free to get involved with the project, sharing your own memories from the last 70 years! We look forward to sharing our learning with you all.

We will also be launching a Royal Reading Challenge next term. We look forward to seeing how many books the children can read!

Bags to School day (Tuesday 14th June)

Our Friends of Ash Hill FOAH) have booked a bags to school collection for Tuesday 14 June. Please can you f ill your plastic bags up with old clothes and bring to school on this date. Someone from FOAH will be on hand on in the morning to collate all the bags.

Half Term

As you know, it is the half term break next week. As things have now returned much more to normal following the pandemic, it has been a really busy term. The children will need a good rest next week! Hopefully we will have some lovely weather and they can enjoy getting outside too. Please do encourage rest and relaxation next week, but we also ask that the children continue to read every day. This may be through reading a fun story with an adult, reading online (Reading Eggs logins are in pupils' reading records) or even visiting the local library. Our Year 1 pupils will be doing their phonics screening check after half term, and continuing to read with them at home will ensure they are as prepared as possible.

Whatever you get up to next week, we wish you all a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing everybody back in school on Monday 6th June.

Best wishes
Mrs Manning
Headteacher

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Attendance W/c 16/05/22

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	91.0	5
Year 1	94.0	1
Year 2	98.2	4
Year 3	97.3	12
Year 4	91.7	4
Year 5	93.9	8
Year 6	96.9	4

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Community Mindedness Tokens

Year 1	28
Year 2	49
Year 3	87
Year 4	63
Year 5	59
Year 6	49

Coming Up…

Date	Event
26/05/22	Year 3 trip to the Ashmolean museum
27/05/2022	Platinum Jubilee celebrations for Nursery & Reception
27/05/22	Non–Uniform Day (£1 donation for charity)
30/05/22-03/06/22	School closed for Half term
06/06/22	School re opens after half term
08/06/22–10/06/22	Year 6 Residential trip (Whitemoor Lakes)
08/06/22 -11/06/22	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
14/06/22	Bags to school day (Friends of Ash Hill–see FOAH Newsletter)
05/07/22 & 06/07/22	Transition days
07/07/22	Nursery & Reception Sports Day
08/07/22	Years 1–6 Sports Day
20/07/22	School closes for Summer Break 2.00pm finish
21/07/22	Extra Leave day
	INSET DAYS - 2022/2023 02/09/22 05/09/22 04/01/2023 17/04/2023 21/07/2023

Letters this week …

- Year 6 Residential trip–Final Arrangements
- Year 6 Residential trip medical questionnaire
- Platinum Jubilee celebrations (Nursery & Reception)
- Year 3 trip (change of date–Year 3 only)
- Head lice (year 4)
- Back to school 6th June (no inset 6.06.22)

This Week in School...

Nursery:

Nursery have had a brilliant week learning about the Queen and the platinum jubilee. We looked at past and present photos and was able to talk about the similarities and differences. We wrote party invitations, made decorations and flags ready for our jubilee party! Our party was great and we enjoyed sharing the experience with Reception. There was plenty of dancing and food. The children made their own sandwiches and chopped up and prepared fruit. Well done to everyone involved and thank you parents for all the food donations!

Reception:

This week, the Reception children have been finding out about the Queen and the Royal family and have been learning about the Platinum Jubilee.
They have been working on their fine motor skills by colouring a Union Jack flag, they have decorated a biscuit in red, white and blue and have made crowns. They have also been writing a Platinum Jubilee party invitation, writing Jubilee cards to the Queen and have been explaining and sequencing how to make cucumber sandwiches. The children became artists this week, learning about Andy Warhol and 'Pop Art' and have created their own versions using an outline of the Queen. In maths this week, the children have been working on subtraction questions using a 10 frame to help them and have been working on being able to instantly recall number bonds to 5 (0+5 / 1+4 / 2+3 / 3+2 / 4+1 / 5+0) and have been looking at some number bonds to 10. We have also been doing lots of mental maths – counting to and back from 20 and knowing one more and one less than a given number. The children had been looking forward to their Jubilee party this week and really enjoyed eating the cucumber sandwiches which they made themselves and strawberries and other treats which were kindly donated – thank you so much for your generosity.
Phonics Link - https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/CdZzJDOC/DRBDlyI1

Year 2

Wow, how this week has whizzed by. The children have been amazing. I am proud of how hard they've worked during our SATS week. It's so impressive to see all that they have achieved independently. The children have shown such maturity up to the end of the Summer 1 Term and we are confident they are ready for lower Key Stage 2. Year 2 you definitely deserve a relaxing break and what a wonderful way to start off with a shopping experience to the smart Kart and a mini celebration of our achievements.
Wishing you all a wonderful half term.

Year 4:

Year 4: We have been busy preparing for our poetry performance by learning The Magic Box with actions and creating our own art work. We even planned and wrote a verse that could be added to the poem. In Maths, we started a new unit: time. Please encourage your children to practise analogue time over the holidays. In Topic, we celebrated the end of our science unit on sound and electricity by working in groups to plan and create a working circuit with a function. Ideas were so creative from torches to cars! We also had a brilliant lesson of tennis this week with Mr Bell practising all the skills we have learnt this term.

Year 5

It's been a busy final week of the half term in Year 5! In maths, we've practised adding and subtracting decimals to other decimals of the same number of place value, of a different number of place value and even to whole numbers. In English, we've continued reading Beowulf to inspire our defeating the monster tales. We've really enjoyed the Michael Morpurgo version of this story. In history, we've learnt the story of William the Conquerer and have been creating our own Bayeux Tapestry to retell the tale. We've also considered the quote: "The Vikings were just Brutal savages who did no good". We had lots of evidence for and against and reached some interesting conclusions. From Year 5- have a great half term!

Year 6:

Yeat 6 have been working on using and applying lots of their previously learnt maths skills. In English they have completed their explanation texts about keeping healthy. In reading they have started to read Darwin's Dragons and discussed the context for the story as well as understanding some of the tricky vocabulary for the first few chapters. In topic they have learned about the Linnean classification system as well as learning all about how to keep a healthy lifestyle. It has been another busy week and a lovely end to the half term. I wish them all a very restful half term and look forward to seeing them ready next term for their residential trip.

Year 1

Year 1 have worked hard on this final week of half term. In English, we have used all we have learnt to write our own wishing tale. We were challenged to use adjectives, repetition and joining words. In Maths, we have continued our work on multiplication and division and looked at arrays and doubling. Please use these links for extra guidance: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znj7hyc/articles/z7prqp3 and https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h/articles/zqps2v4. We have been continuing our work on the UK and compared Northern Ireland and Wales. In PSHE, we have been learning about the people who help us. Please see below Phonics videos for extra practise. Happy Half Term!

Phonics Videos for Year 1 ***Phonics Videos for Year 1***

Sound	***Link***
ea / oi / a-e	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2exXjMay/UJ0EWaek
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i-e / o-e / u-e	https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tMOQag73/YhcNf8Os
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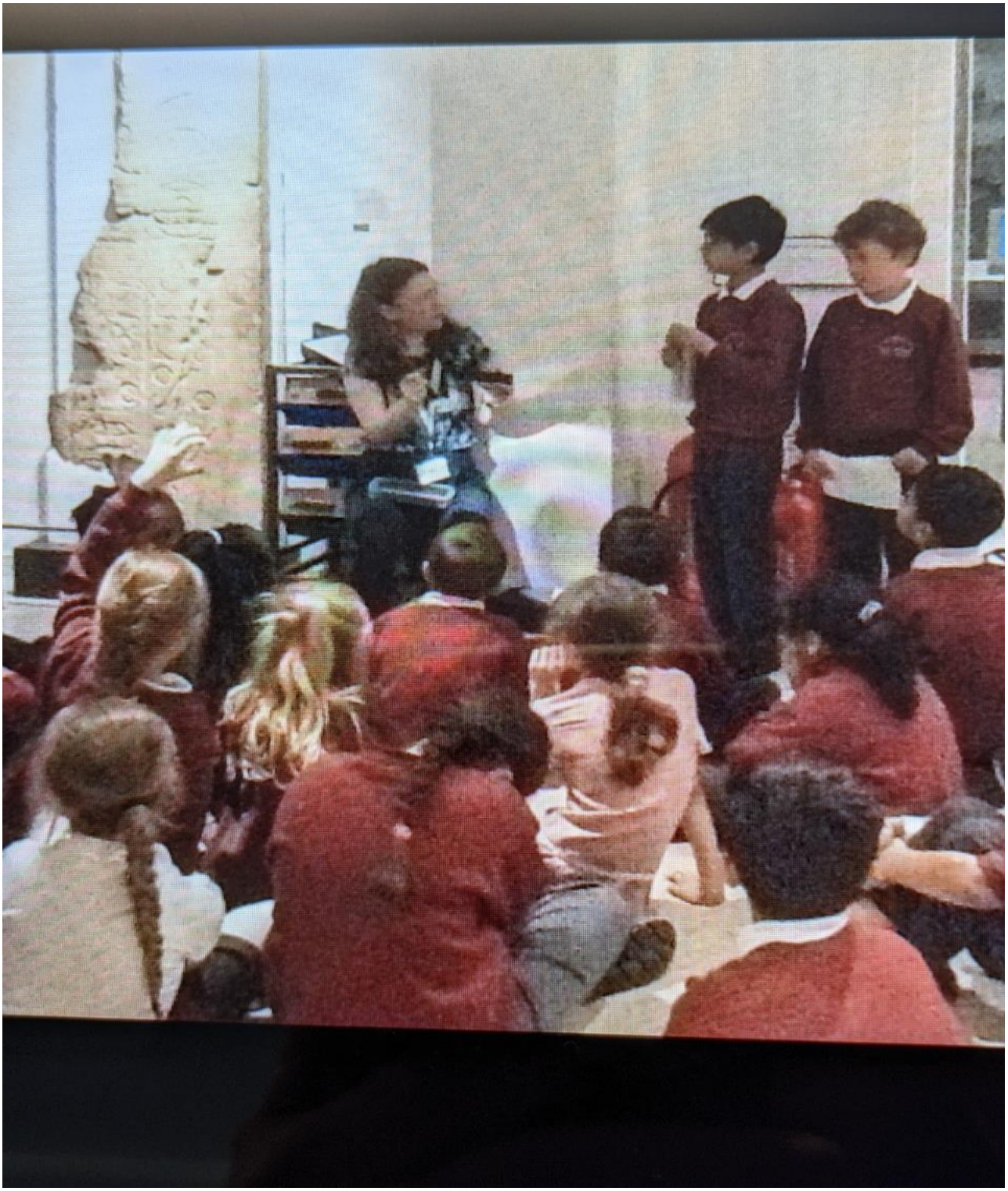
Extra guidance	Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics | Oxford Owl
	phonics pure sounds video (oxfordowl.co.uk)

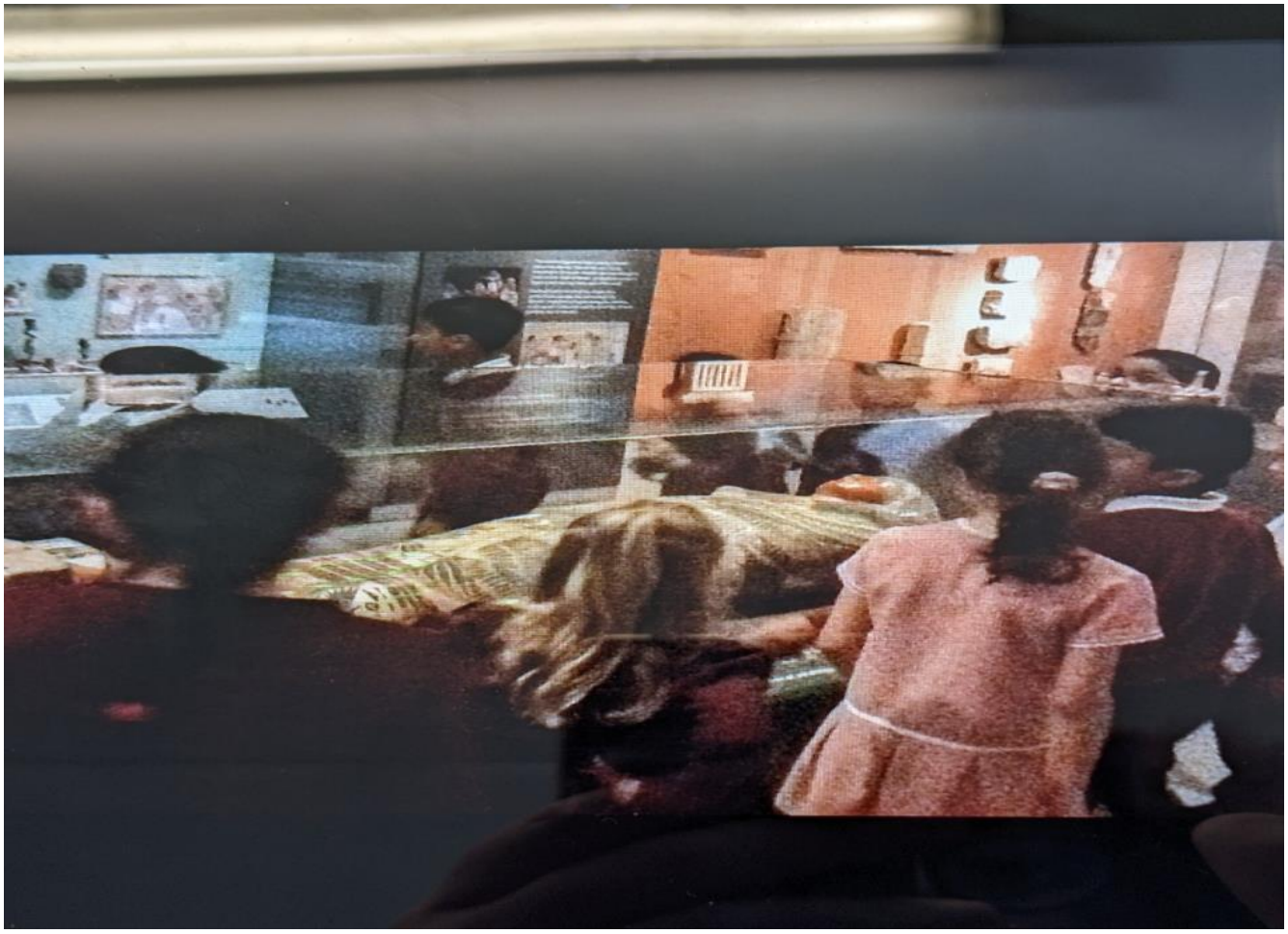
Year 3

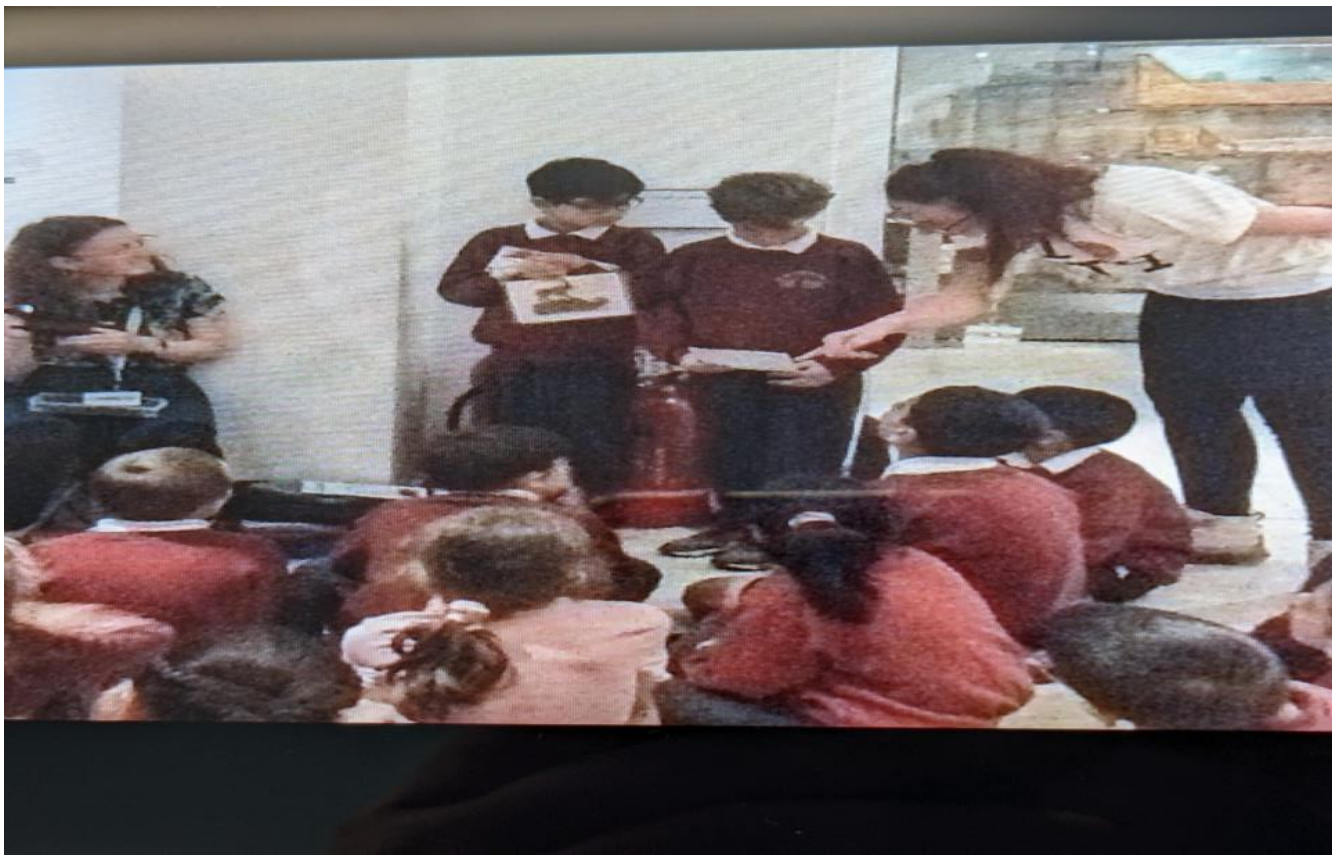
Year 3 have had a great week and a great school trip! We had a wonderful time at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford! We took part in a guided session where we became Egypt Detectives; this meant we had to handle some very precious artefacts and use the clues to work out what the object was. We also went on an Egyptian scavenger hunt and saw quite a few Mummies!! I am very proud of the children and their amazing Ash Hill learning behaviours. A special thank you to the adults who supported in making our trip run smoothly too and for helping Miss Bagguley in counting us all day!!

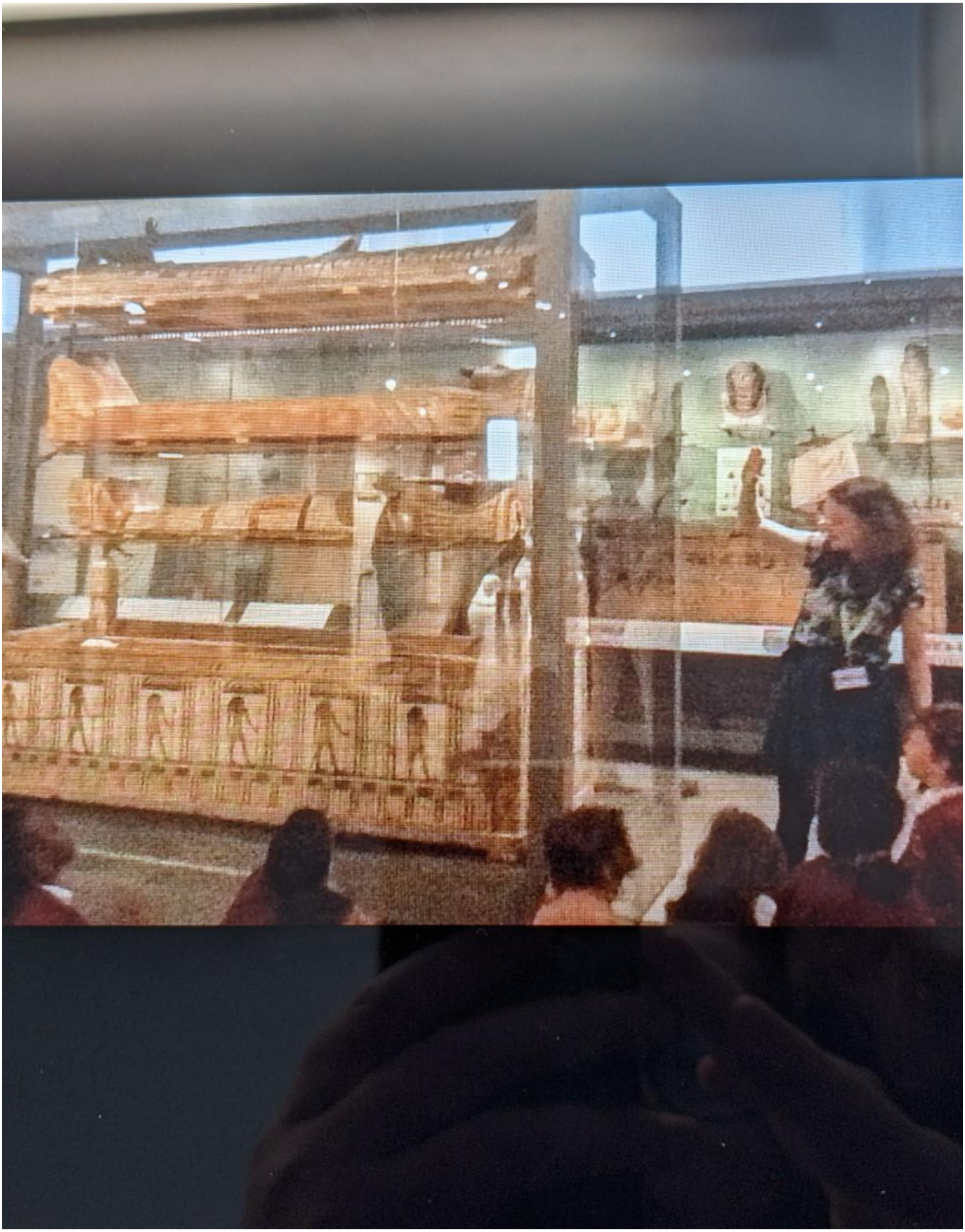
Year 3 really enjoyed their trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford! We were able to handle real Egyptian artefacts and become archaeologists for the day.



Year 3 trip pics continued.....







Update from Mr Bell...

On Tuesday this week a group of 10 children from Year 3/4 attended an Athletics festival at Marlow Secondary School. This festival consisted of numerous track & field events for children to participate within and challenge their scores. Throughout the event pupils were able to earn the school games value stickers which are, determination, passion, self-belief, teamwork, respect & honesty. Our team were covered in these stickers showcasing how fantastic they were throughout the afternoon. The festival finished with a relay with each schools objective being to beat their previous time over 2 races which Ash Hill smashed. A superb sporting afternoon; well done to Viktoria, Maja, Maryam, Lexi, Hajira, Adam, Krzysztof, Shayen, George & Arman.