

Year 3 children at Grove Road Primary School recently enjoyed an 'Ancient Egyptian Day', in connection with this term's topic. Having learned all about the ancient Egyptians, and their culture and beliefs, this was all brought to life for the children through a variety of workshops run by 'History Off the Page'.

Life in ancient Egypt was recreated in Grove Road Primary KS2 hall! Children spent the morning as traders and craftsmen, making a variety of items as part of the festival of the Nile, at the court of Pharaoh Akhenaten. They made canopic jars out of clay and became apprentice embalmers, using their 'mummification' skills. They took on the role of tomb painters, designing hieroglyphics in paint and putting these in the Pharaoh's tomb.

The afternoon was a Feast for Pharaoh Nefertiti. The children prepared for the banquet and then tasted Egyptian food and drink. They made up an Egyptian dance and acted out the story of Osiris, the wax crocodile that came to life when it went into the Nile.

The atmosphere of Egypt in 1347 BC was created using drama and role play, as well as the practical activities and hands-on experiences. The children were given little tasks to undertake, such as worshipping Nefertiti but not looking him in the eye.

Katie Reeve, Assistant Head and Year 3 teacher at Grove Road, commented: "The children really enjoyed their Egyptian experience and were fully engaged throughout the day. It really was a rich and detailed learning experience, giving the children the chance to learn through personal involvement and hands-on activity. The objective was to enable the children to absorb a wide variety of facts and skills which will remain in the memory and encourage further exploration, and I think they all had fun in the process!"

