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PrimeVR virtual reality workshops



Dear Parents,

This half term, the children will be learning all about Ancient Egypt in our new topic entitled, 'Walk Like an Egyptian'. As part of the topic, we have booked a company called PrimeVR to come and deliver a virtual reality workshop day on **Friday 23rd January**. We think this is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and will help to bring their topic to life.

(Please note, it is recommended that pupils with epilepsy or pupils who are prone to seizures consult with their doctor before using a VR headset. If your child has epilepsy, is prone to seizures or may not be able to use a VR headset, please consult with a doctor and inform the school reception before signing this permission slip as an alternative device can be provided for accessing this workshop).

More details regarding this virtual reality workshop from PrimeVR are included on the next page. Please read through this before signing the permission slip and feel free to contact info@primevr.co.uk if you have any further questions.

In order for your child to participate, please can you **log on to Arbor (under trips)** and give consent for your child to take part by **Friday 16th January**.

PrimeVR has been delivering workshops using virtual reality since 2017. You can see what schools, teachers and parents think of their workshops by checking out our reviews on Google and Trustpilot. Our workshops have been specifically designed for schools to help bring learning to life and they are delivered by an experienced member of the PrimeVR team in a controlled and supervised environment.



During our workshops, we implement the following safety measures:

- A full safety briefing is delivered at the start of every workshop and VR usage will be supervised by an adult at all times. A safety video will also be shared with every class prior to our arrival.
- Pupils share one headset between two and only use VR for a maximum of 15 minutes during our workshops (split up into 1-2 minute segments). In between using a VR headset, we engage pupils by asking questions, creating discussion and by setting mini activities.
- All VR headsets are controlled by a central iPad/tablet which allows a member of the PrimeVR team to deliver specific educational content.
- Pupils will always be required to sit down whilst using a VR headset.
- All headsets are cleaned using Clinell Universal wipes in between classes.
- Please note, an iPad/tablet can be provided as an alternative device for anyone who doesn't want to use a VR headset during their workshop.

We use Pico G2 4K VR headsets during our workshops. You can find out more information about this headset, including any safety guidelines, by visiting <https://www.picoxr.com/>. We believe the additional measures we've put in place, alongside adult supervision, provides a safe environment for all pupils in KS2 to use VR for short periods of time for educational purposes only. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@primevr.co.uk. Please note, if you do not want your child to use a VR headset, please inform the school and we will be able to provide an iPad/tablet as an alternative device for accessing our workshops.

The children (and teachers) are really excited about having the opportunity to see Ancient Egypt as if they were really there.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Dunning
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