



Class 5 Newsletter Autumn 1 - 23-24

History – Our history topic is ‘Ancient Egypt.’ We look at the importance of the River Nile, alongside Egyptian culture and religion. We will also learn about interesting Egyptian traditions such as mummification.

RE – Our first Christian topic covers the question- What does it mean if God is loving and holy? We will discuss our own opinions of what God is like and look at what Christians believe.

Art & Design– We will be learning about sculpture and architecture, including learning how to draw from observation, creating a print, drawing from different perspectives and considering why houses look the way they do.

Computing – We are going to look at what makes a computer system, and think about how we can use systems to work together to produce information. This will include how we can stay safe working together online.

Maths – We will be starting with looking at Place Value. This year we will be recapping what we covered in Year 4 before going up to some very big numbers! We will look at how Roman Numerals work, how to find more or less than a number and rounding. Towards the end of the half term we will revisit addition and subtraction. In addition to our 4 maths lessons we will also have an arithmetic lesson each week to practise our basic skills.

English – ‘Secrets of a Sun King’ is our book focus this half term. This is a fabulous book with a storyline all about Howard Carter and the finding of Tutankhamun’s tomb. We will also be going right back to basics with our grammar, making sure we are all solid on nouns/verbs and how a sentence is structured. Spellings will now be given out on a Monday and then tested the following Monday. Please encourage your child to practice either on spelling shed or any other way they find helpful. Children will be given a school reading book as well as having the opportunity to choose a book for pleasure from our reading corner. We really want the children to have a love of reading so please support your child to read as often as possible and continue to sign their home school book when you have heard them read or they have finished a book.

Science – Properties of Materials, including reversible and irreversible changes. This should involve lots of exciting investigations and even thinking about making new materials!

French – We will be studying composition notation and describing ourselves and others in these subjects.

PSHRE – Family and relationships is our first topic where we discuss healthy friendships, bullying and different family situations.

Music – We will be working on developing our knowledge of notation using the theme of the Egyptians to inspire us! We will be working on writing our own piece of music celebrating a Pharaoh’s journey into the afterlife.

PE –Swimming has changed to give the children a longer period of time to build up their skills. So we are swimming every Friday now until February half term. The children will also need their full PE kit including pumps/trainers, in school on Tuesdays This half term we are looking at the personal cog in Real PE.

Welcome back everyone, we are now in Year 5! We hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for a busy 7 week half term. As you know staffing has changed slightly this year, so I (Mrs Forrester) will now be working Tuesday-Friday and Mrs Munro will be teaching on a Monday and a Thursday afternoon. Please feel free to grab either of us in the playground or message on Class dojo if you have any questions.

SPELLINGS – Handed out on a Monday and tested the following Monday. Spellings will be stuck in diaries as well as on spelling shed.

PE – Swimming kit in on Fridays! Full kit including pumps/trainers should be in school on Tuesdays. Please make sure that your child can remove their own earrings for PE and all children with long hair brings in a bobble to tie it up.