

# YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER-SUMMER

**Welcome back to the summer term!**

**We hope you all had an enjoyable break and that your child feels refreshed and ready for the new term.**

## ANCIENT EGYPT

This term we will learn about Ancient Civilizations. In history, we will explore what life was like for Egyptians and why the River Nile was so important before moving on to find out about Egyptian Gods and Goddesses, Pharaohs, pyramids, death and the afterlife. In English we will write information texts about the River Nile, pyramids and fashion. Also, in art, we will create Egyptian inspired death masks. At the end of the term, children will share and display their work in our own Museum of Ancient Egypt where you will be able to speak to our Year 5 Museum curators and learn all about Ancient Egypt yourself.

## SPACE

This half term our other main topic is space. In science we will focus our learning on the Earth, Moon, Sun and the planets of the solar system and find out about their movements; including how day and night occur. We will also find out about how theories about our Solar System have developed over time. As much as possible, we will also investigate questions that the class come up with about space. We will also listen to The Planets Suite by Gustav Holst.

In English, this half term we will focus on the skill of writing fictional stories. We will continue to explore the genre of sci-fi and then use what has been learnt to write our own science fiction stories. Towards the end of the term, we will explore narrative poetry. Grammar and spelling will remain a weekly focus- a homework task linked to what has been learnt in class will be sent out on a Thursday. This homework will be due on the following Wednesday.

This term, our shared class text is The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen. In addition, children continue to have reading lessons with a focus on specific reading skills. However, it is essential that all children continue to read at least 3 times a week for a minimum of 20 mins and at least once to an adult. We have asked children to comment on their home reading in their record book ready for Monday.

## MATHS

The children will continue to take part in daily maths lessons, which includes work on mental arithmetic. Your support in helping your children to learn multiplication facts has been very useful and is having a positive impact on children's learning and mathematical confidence; please continue. Our new focus will be geometry; looking at angles, shape, position and direction. In the second half term, the main focus will be measurement; looking at, capacity and converting units of measure and working with negative numbers.

## Other areas of the curriculum

In our PE lesson, children will further their understanding of health and fitness as well as developing their skills of balance and co-ordination.

In RE, children will explore the question, 'What do Christians believe about the old and new covenants?' In computing, the children will learn how to program physical systems and will learn to program a BBC:Microbit. We will also be creating radio adverts.

The focus for Music this half term is reggae, particularly Three Little Birds by Bob Marley, which the children will learn to sing and sign as well as exploring the musical structure.

In PSHE, we will explore the topic of drugs, alcohol and tobacco in the first half term and we will then explore the theme of careers in summer 2.

As part of our DT unit, at the end of the school term, children will learn about nutrition and develop a healthy recipe.

### Useful dates for Y5

**29<sup>th</sup> April** Energy Heroes workshop (am)

Skipping workshop (pm)

**23<sup>rd</sup> May**- Brownlee Triathlon

(letter to follow)

**11<sup>th</sup> June (afternoon)**- Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf performance (letter to follow)

**25<sup>th</sup> June**- Balfour Beatty STEM session (pm).

**June TBC** - PHGS Y5 High School experience day (letter to follow)

**June TBC**- Linking Schools visit- Y5 All Saints to host Y5 Bramley St Peters

**July TBC**- Linking Schools visit- All Saints to visit Y5 Bramley St Peters

**July TBC** - Y5 Class Museum of Ancient Egypt