

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 be looking at some gripping sci-fi stories and then use what has been learnt to write our own. 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 Thu/Fri.

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 20mins and at least once to an adult. We have asked children to comment on their home reading in their planner ready for Monday. We are excited to announce the launch of our Y5 **Summer reading challenge!** Please refer to the email from the beginning of the week for further details.

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 different styles of music, including, Grime, Classical, Bhangra, Tango, Latin Fusion. In PSHE, we will explore the topic of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Useful dates

5th May- Coronation Lunch
16th May- Jodrell Bank Space Trip
(letter to follow)
July TBC - Y5 Class Museum of Ancient_Egypt