

Welcome to Year 5

Dear Parents,

We hope that both you and the children enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to a new and exciting year!



Our topic during the Autumn term is 'Ancient Egypt'. The children will develop an understanding of what it means to be an historian, exploring the skills of being an effective archaeologist; they will appreciate how the physical



landscape can affect human development, focusing on the River Nile, and finally, understand how Ancient Egyptians lived their day to day lives, including the important influence of their religious beliefs. Art and DT opportunities will include developing their sketching skills, learning water-colour painting techniques, and designing and making their own bread recipe. We will also be holding an Egyptian day where children and staff can dress in Egyptian clothes while exploring different aspects of the Topic. The date is yet to be confirmed but we will let you know as soon as possible, so be prepared!

In science, the children will be investigating materials. This will be a very practical topic with a strong focus on using the correct scientific vocabulary. They will also be learning about how solids, liquids and gases work as particles, and linking this to their understanding of how materials behave.



In computing, the children will be learning about advanced 3D modelling using SketchUp. SketchUp is an amazingly powerful and easy to use program that is free to download and use (just google SketchUp to find it).

For music, the children will be exploring and singing rounds, and experimenting with pitched notes to understand harmony. The theme for P.S.H.E. this term is 'A Healthy Life' where we will be considering what positively and negatively affects our physical, mental and emotional health. In RE, the children will be studying Islam; they will learn stories about Muhammad and consider how these teach Muslims how to carry out God's will in their daily life. The children will continue to learn Spanish.



Both classes will be doing indoor P.E. on Thursday afternoons and outdoor games on Friday mornings so the children need to make sure they have appropriate indoor and outdoor kit with them each week. As usual this can be brought in on Monday and stay in the cloakroom until Friday. Please ensure all kit is named. We do not have much spare kit, so it is vital that children bring their own each week.

We will set homework each week for spelling, times tables and reading (3-4 times per week). In addition, there will again be a termly project, details of which will follow shortly!



We appreciate the support you give your children with this at home; it really helps their learning within school.

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress at Open Evening in October. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

The Year 5 team