

## Year 5 – Term 1, 2021

Welcome to Year 5!

We are so looking forward to the new term and getting to know all of our new Year 5 children! We hope you have had a chance to read the 'Welcome blog', which will hopefully answer any questions you may have.

In English this term, we will be exploring the non-fiction unit of writing instructions before writing our own instructions for how to create an Egyptian Mummy! We will then be moving on to exploring adventure stories, ultimately writing our own.

In Maths, we will recap and extend our place value knowledge, exploring and developing our understanding of numbers from 10 to 1,000,000, including: rounding numbers to 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000, comparing and ordering numbers, counting in multiples, understanding negative numbers and extending our knowledge of Roman numerals up to 1,000 eventually converting dates to Roman numerals.

In our History unit, we are going to learn all about Ancient Egyptians, including pyramids, the findings of Howard Carter, the rituals of mummification, Egyptian-writing styles and much more.

Our new Science topic will be Space and we are looking forward to exploring the planets and the other features of space. We hope to finish this unit with a trip to the Space Centre - further details about this trip will follow separately.

In Art this term, our objective is 'Designing for a Purpose'. We will work collaboratively to a design brief and consider product design such as advertising, images and unique selling points.

In Computing, we will be designing and creating a computer programme for a game, using sequences, repetition and variables. We will then move to correct (de-bug) errors in the games we create and then use techniques to test small changes to improve the games created.

In Music this term, all the learning is focused around the celebration of Harvest Festival, culminating in a Harvest Festival celebration later in the term. More details will follow about this soon.

During outdoor PE, we will be learning the skills to play football. We do teach in all weathers so warm jogging

bottoms and a sweat shirt top can be useful. For indoor PE, the children will be learning about different dance styles. The children will continue to wear their PE kits on PE days instead of their uniform. Both Year 5 classes have PE on a Tuesday and a Friday.

Year 5 homework continues to be the requirement to read 5 times a week at home and for your child to record and comment on each read in their Reading Record. This is in addition to practising times tables and spellings at home which really does embed and secure the learning in school. Any support you give at home really does make a difference.

As always, if this information raises any questions, please don't hesitate to email us. We believe working in partnership with our parents is the key to the children's success!

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