

Autumn Term
2016



Year 5
Ancient Egyptians

Welcome to the Autumn Term Newsletter. We hope the children will have a relaxing and fun summer holiday and return to school ready for the challenges of the new school year.

Theme – Ancient Egyptians

Our history based theme will be about the Ancient Egyptians. We will be looking at life in Ancient Egypt and investigating historical events such as the discovery of the Rosetta Stone and the tomb of Tutankhamen. We will investigate the use of hieroglyphics in Egyptian writing and the fascinating religious rites that the Egyptians followed.

In the subject of art, we will be researching, designing and making a piece of Egyptian style ornamentation. We will also design and make a board game centred around Ancient Egyptian history.



Literacy

This term, we will be learning the language and structural features of a wide range of writing genres which include myths and legends, instructions and explanations, and the various forms of recount .

You are aware that the accurate use of English grammar, punctuation and spelling is now particularly important in order for children to achieve the expected standard for their year group. The children should by now know most of the words in the year 3/4 spelling list and will be starting to learn those on the 5/6 list. Copies of the lists will be sent home and are available on the school website. Your support in helping your children with these will benefit them greatly throughout the year.

Visits.

We hope to take the children to Birmingham Think Tank to experience the various exhibits on offer and activities such as learning in the space theatre. Additionally, children will be treated to a workshop and a 3D film linked to our themes!



Home-School-Links

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that the Home-School-Links Book is the first line of communication between you and us. The children will bring their spelling lists home in the book to learn over the week. We will also use this book as a line of communication.

It is important that the children in Year Five are aware that the Home-School-Links Book is their responsibility. They need to make sure that messages from you are passed on to us and vice versa. This is a vital part of encouraging them to become more independent and responsible in their school life. P.E. kits will need to be brought to school on a Monday and taken home on Fridays.

For holiday homework, please continue to practise your reading skills. In addition, continue to practise areas in maths such as times tables. Grammar is a key focus of the new curriculum. For this reason, we are recommending the 'Oxford Primary Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Dictionary (ISBN 978-0-19-273421-1) which has child friendly definitions and is something that can always be referred to!

Pioneer Trip (important information)

Please take note that parents are asked to pay for this trip during year five and not in year six.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

The Year Five Team

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