

Dear Parents/Carers,



GENERAL INFORMATION – AUTUMN TERM 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Egyptian Day with visitor Cleopatra 19th September**
- **5th October Harvest Festival**
- **9th October parents evening 6pm-8pm**
- **11th October parents evening 3:30pm – 6pm**
- **We break up for half term on 19th October**

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Please encourage your child to read 5 or more times at home during the week.

Practise times tables with your child. They should know all of their times tables out of order with quick recall. You could encourage your child to chant them, write them out or download an app which enables them to practise them.

Research any information about the Ancient Egyptians.

Autumn Term Curriculum

Our focus during the autumn term is a history unit on Ancient Egypt. We will also be looking at a local history unit on World War One. In science our topics are forces and changing state. Please see our curriculum overview for more information.

Water Bottles

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle so that they can access water during the day. This is especially important in the autumn term when the weather can still be hot and sunny (we hope).

P.E Days

Miss Womack's class (pioneers) have P.E on a Tuesday and Thursday

Mrs Buckingham's class (adventurers) have P.E on a Thursday and Friday

Mr Tierney's class (explorers) have P.E on a Monday and Friday.

As well as shorts and T-shirts, children should have kit suitable for all weathers (a tracksuit and trainers) as we still be going outside on chilly days.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and is due in on a Monday. We do appreciate that sometimes weekends are busy and so will accept homework in on a Tuesday.

There will be a piece of English to be completed in their orange homework books and a piece of maths that will be set online. Paper copies will be given to children who prefer to complete it this way. Login details and a separate letter will be sent home.

Year 5: Ancient Egypt

As Mathematicians can we...?

- Work with and understand the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000.
- Explore negative numbers.
- Round to 10,100,1000,10,000,100,000
- Reason and problem solve with all of the above.
- Learn our Roman numerals
- Work with the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)

At Home

Please support your child by ensuring they are practising their times tables. They will be told the ones they need to focus on.

SMSC & RE:

In R.E we will be learning about rituals across different religions.

We will be revisiting our protective behaviour work.

As Spellers can we...?

Use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words. Spell the words on the year 5/6 word list. Spell suffixes accurately and understand how they can change word class.

At home

Can you practise the year 5/6 word list.

Hooks for Learning

Egyptian Day

As Historians can we...?

- Create our own Egyptian museum at school for parents to visit.
- Use artefacts and evidence to learn about the past.
- Can we compare the past with life today and explore how the Egyptians influenced us.
- Can we write timelines

At home

Read around the subject at home and bring in facts and information to share with the class.

As Readers can we...?

- Identify author's viewpoint
- Distinguish between facts and opinions
- Make comparisons between texts

At Home

Can you read 5 or more times a week and talk to an adult about what you have read?

As Writers can we...?

- Write descriptions of characters and places
- Write a portal story with dialogue and action
- Use relative clauses and expanded noun phrases
- Use fronted adverbials, metaphors and similes

At home

Can you look at different setting in your stories? Think about different characters in your books and how you would describe them.

As Designers and Artists can we...?

- Use clay to make an Egyptian death mask.
- Plan, make and evaluate a range of different artefacts.

At home

Can you look at Egyptian art work? Can you Produce an Egyptian inspired piece of art work?

As Scientists can we...?

- Learn about gravity
- Learn about air resistance, water resistance and friction
- Learn about mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears

At home

Explore where friction might be useful in everyday life.